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[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007, BEGINS ON PAGE 383.]

SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS IS NOW IN SESSION. WE HAVE A QUORUM? ASK EVERYONE
IN THE AUDIENCE TO PLEASE RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND THE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY FATHER MARK R.
KOWALEWSKI OF THE ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES
AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY VIETNAM WAR
VETERAN, ANTHONY J. MORALES, COUNSELOR FOR CHEMICAL
DEPENDENCY, SOVEREIGN GRACE FELLOWSHIP. FATHER KOWALEWSKI?

FATHER MARK R. KOWALEWSKI: I BRING GREETINGS FROM THE
CONGREGATION OF ST. JOHN'S DOWNTOWN AND THE FIGURARO CORRIDOR
BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AND OUR EMERGING RENAISSANCE
OF DOWNTOWN L.A. AS WE GATHER IN A MOMENT OF SILENCE TODAY IN
THE MIDST OF THE BUSYNESS OF OUR LIVES, MAY WE ALLOW THE QUIET
OF OUR SPIRITS TO SPEAK TO US. LET US PRAY. OH, GOD, SOURCE OF
DIVINE COMPASSION AND JUSTICE FOR ALL HUMANKIND, MAKE YOUR
DESIRE TO BUILD A BELOVED COMMUNITY OUR DESIRE. KEEP US
MINDFUL OF OUR COMMON HUMANITY AND OUR COMMON LIFE. HELP US
ALL, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HERE GOVERN, TO LAY ASIDE DIVISIONS
AND BE UNITED IN MIND AND HEART TO BEAR THE BURDENS OF THEIR



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1 OFFICE. MAY WE EACH PUT ASIDE SELFISH INDIFFERENCE AND USE THE
2 SEVERAL GIFTS WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF
3 OTHERS AND GIVE US THE GRACE TO FULFILL OUR DUTIES WITH
4 DILIGENCE. MAKE US CHARITABLE IN WORD AND DEED AND PATIENT AND
5 CONSTANT IN THE WORK WE ARE ASKED TO DO. YOU WHO HAVE LINKED
6 OUR LIVES ONE WITH ANOTHER SO THAT WHAT WE DO AFFECTS FOR GOOD
7 OR ILL THE LIVES OF OTHERS. BLESS THESE SUPERVISORS OF OUR
8 COUNTY WITH WISDOM AND PRUDENCE. GIVE THEM A VISION TO HELP IN
9 SOME WAY TO ELIMINATE POVERTY, PREJUDICE AND OPPRESSION. GUIDE
10 THEIR WORK TO SERVE THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL OUR CITIZENS SO
11 THAT MEN AND WOMEN FROM MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES AND WITH
12 DIFFERING TALENTS MAY FIND, WITH ONE ANOTHER, THE FULFILLMENT
13 OF THEIR HUMANITY AND THE ENRICHMENT OF OUR SOCIETY. AND LET
14 US SAY AMEN.

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16 **ANTHONY J. MORALES:** WOULD YOU PLEASE LEAD ME IN THE PLEDGE OF
17 ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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21 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FATHER KOWALEWSKI CAME TO LOS
22 ANGELES TO STUDY AT THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION AT THE UNIVERSITY
23 OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS PH.D. AFTER
24 COMPLETING COLLEGE AT FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY IN OHIO. HE HAS
25 TAUGHT AN ADJUNCT FACULTY POSITION AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF



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1 THE FACULTY AT U.S.C., CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY AND WAS
2 ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN THE THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT XAVIER
3 UNIVERSITY IN NEW ORLEANS. HE WAS AWARDED A POSTDOCTORAL
4 FELLOWSHIP AT U.C.L.A. CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON H.I.V.
5 PREVENTION AMONG SUBSTANCE ABUSERS AND HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY
6 IN THIS AREA, "THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION AND IN CHRISTIAN
7 ETHICS FOCUSING ON MINISTRY TO PERSONS WITH H.I.V./A.I.D.S.
8 AND ON NONTRADITIONAL FAMILIES." HE WAS ORDAINED TO THE
9 PRIESTHOOD IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN JANUARY 1996 AND SERVED
10 AT CONGREGATION IN HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, BEFORE GOING
11 TO SERVE ON THE STAFF OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES.
12 WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE AS ANOTHER EPISCOPALIAN.
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. [APPLAUSE]

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT IS IN MY HONOR THIS MORNING
18 TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO ANTHONY J.
19 MORALES. MR. MORALES IS CURRENTLY A COUNSELOR WITH THE
20 SOVEREIGN GRACE FELLOWSHIP. HE SERVED AS A LANCE CORPORAL FROM
21 THE THIRD BATTALION, THE FIFTH MARINE REGIMENT OF THE UNITED
22 STATES MARINE CORPS FROM 1968 TO 1969 AND SAW BATTLE IN
23 VIETNAM. HIS EXTENSIVE DECORATIONS INCLUDE A PURPLE HEART, A
24 COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, AN ARMED FORCES
25 EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, A NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, A



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1 VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL WITH TWO STARS, A GALLANTRY CROSS AND A
2 REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL. MR. MORALES IS VERY PROUD
3 TO BE RECOGNIZED AS A VIETNAM VET AND HE CONTINUES TO DO
4 TREMENDOUS WORK IN PROVIDING LEADERSHIP. HE RESIDES IN BALDWIN
5 PARK. HE HAS FIVE CHILDREN AND WE THANK HIM SO MUCH FOR
6 LEADING US IN OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE THIS MORNING.
7 CONGRATULATIONS, SIR. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE
10 AGENDA-- WE WILL GO THROUGH THE AGENDA NOW. SACHI?

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
13 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, NOTICES OF
14 CLOSED SESSION. ON ITEM C.S.-2, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT
15 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 3RD.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON C.S.-5, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
20 AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS
21 CLOSED SESSION BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO JULY 17TH.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS C.S.-5?

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25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** C.S.-5.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 7, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
5 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA MOVES, MR.
8 ANTONOVICH SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK
11 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS.
14 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17. ON
17 ITEM NUMBER 9, AS INDICATED AN THE POSTED AGENDA, COUNTY
18 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED WITHOUT
19 DISCUSSION TO JULY 24, 2007.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
22 THE ORDER.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 13, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
2 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
3 CONTINUED WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO SEPTEMBER 25, 2007.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM IS THAT?

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT'S ITEM NUMBER 13.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 13, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 14, AS INDICATED ON THE
12 POSTED AGENDA, AT THE MEETING OF JUNE 19TH, THE BOARD
13 INDICATED ITS INTENT TO CONTINUE THE HEARING WITHOUT
14 DISCUSSION TO JULY 24, 2007.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE AN
17 ACTION, CORRECT?

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO NOTE AND FILE THAT.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 15, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED
24 AGENDA, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
25 WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO OCTOBER 23RD TO MEET LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
3 THE ORDER.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL BE HELD
6 FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 18 THROUGH 31. ON ITEMS 20 AND 21,
8 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT
9 THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM 26, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
10 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM AND, ON ITEM 30,
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE
12 REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE REST ARE BEFORE US.
15 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 32 AND
18 33.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.
21 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEMS 34 AND 35.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.

2 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHILDREN'S PLANNING COUNCIL. ON ITEM 36,

5 SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEMS 37

10 THROUGH 39.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS.

13 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEM 40.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.

18 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 41.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M TRYING TO IDENTIFY WHAT

23 DISTRICT THAT IS. OKAY. BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS. UNANIMOUS

24 VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEALTH. ON ITEM 42, SUPERVISOR
2 MOLINA AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE
3 HELD.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 43 THROUGH 49.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.
10 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, ITEMS 50
13 AND 51. ON ITEM 50, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK
14 REVISED THE RECOMMENDATION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
15 AGENDA AND ALSO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
16 BE HELD.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. I'M GOING TO HOLD IT AND I
19 WAS ADVISED THAT I WAS GOING TO BE RECEIVING A CALL FROM THE
20 SECRETARY OF STATE. THIS IS THAT ITEM, CORRECT? YES. AND I'VE
21 NOT YET RECEIVED IT, SO, IF WE RECEIVE IT DURING THE COURSE OF
22 THIS MEETING, THEN I THINK SUPERVISOR KNABE WAS ALSO GOING TO
23 BE IN ON THAT CALL, THEN WE'LL SO INFORM THE BOARD. IF NOT, IT
24 WOULD BE MY INTENT TO CONTINUE THIS ANOTHER WEEK. BUT, FOR
25 NOW, WE'LL HOLD IT. ITEM 50. OKAY. GO AHEAD.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE NEXT PAGE, ON PAGE 23-- EXCUSE ME.
3 I'M SORRY. WE NEED A MOTION ON 51.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON 51, KNABE MOVES, MOLINA
6 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 52 AND 53.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.
11 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, ITEMS 54 AND 55.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.
16 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTER, ON ITEM 56, WE'LL HOLD
19 THIS FOR A REPORT. MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
20 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
21 OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE
22 MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON
23 ITEM 57-A, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
24 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON 57-B, SUPERVISOR KNABE
25 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND 57-C IS BEFORE YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS.
3 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON ITEM 25, I WAS JUST
6 INFORMED IF WE COULD RECONSIDER THAT ITEM. SUPERVISOR
7 ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. HANG ON. ALL RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ITEM WAS THAT?

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 25.

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE RECONSIDERATION.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S MOVED AND SECONDED
18 FOR RECONSIDERATION AND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S RECONSIDERED.
19 AND IT IS HELD FOR MR. ANTONOVICH.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** I WAS JUST ALSO INFORMED-- MR. CHAIRMAN, I
22 WAS JUST INFORMED ON 57-A, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO
23 RELEASE HIS HOLD. WE'LL STILL HOLD IT FOR A MEMBER OF THE
24 PUBLIC.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ITEM?

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 57-A BUT WE'LL STILL HOLD THAT FOR A MEMBER
4 OF THE PUBLIC. ON 57-B, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, ALONG WITH
5 SUPERVISOR KNABE, WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 57-B.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WAS WONDERING.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S TOO LATE NOW.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS...

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MADAM SECRETARY, LET ME JUST ASK
17 THAT ITEM NUMBER 30 BE CONTINUED TO THE MEETING OF JULY 17TH.
18 FOLKS WANT TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THAT AND I DON'T THINK
19 TODAY IS A GOOD DAY FOR THAT, SO THEY'VE AGREED TO COME BACK
20 IN THREE WEEKS.

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SO JULY...

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JULY 17TH, THREE WEEKS.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 17TH, 2007. OKAY. THAT COMPLETES THE
2 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS
3 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 4.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE WE DO THAT, I HAVE A
6 PRESENTATION OF A CONSUL-GENERAL. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND
7 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TODAY WE ARE WELCOMING TO LOS ANGELES
8 COUNTY THE NEW CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE
9 HONORABLE MARY JO BERNARDO-ARAGON. COUNSEL GENERAL ARAGON IS A
10 CAREER DIPLOMAT WITH THE RANK OF CHIEF OF MISSION II. SHE
11 JOINED THE FOREIGN SERVICE ALMOST 28 YEARS AGO. PRIOR TO
12 ASSUMING HER POST IN LOS ANGELES, SHE SERVED AS DEPUTY CONSUL-
13 GENERAL AT THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE. MRS. ARAGON ALSO HELD THE
14 POSITION OF CHIEF OF STAFF TO THE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
15 FROM 2005 TO 2006 AND HAS HELD MANY OTHER POSITIONS IN THE
16 HOME OFFICE AS WELL AS IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE. WE ARE PLEASED
17 TO WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES CONSUL-GENERAL ARAGON, HER HUSBAND,
18 DR. ROMWALDO A. ARAGON, JR. AND THEIR DAUGHTER, KIMBERLY.
19 CONSUL-GENERAL, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS PLAQUE COMMEMORATING YOUR
20 POSTING TO LOS ANGELES AS A TOKEN OF OUR FRIENDSHIP. WE LOOK
21 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE COMING YEARS. THE FILIPINO
22 COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS ONE OF THE
23 MOST CULTURALLY RICH AND SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITIES IN WHAT IS A
24 RICH MOSAIC OF PEOPLES HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND THIS, THE
25 FILIPINO POPULATION, ESPECIALLY HERE IN THIS PART OF LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY, HAS BEEN VERY SPECIAL TO US. AND OUR
2 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PHILIPPINES, OF COURSE, THE UNITED
3 STATES AND THE PHILIPPINES HAVE A LONG AND VERY DEEP
4 RELATIONSHIP BORNE OUT OF BATTLES FOR FREEDOM AND THE LIKE. SO
5 I WANTED TO PRESENT THIS PLAQUE TO YOU, THE BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS DOES, WELCOME YOU TO LOS ANGELES AND WISH YOU WELL
7 IN YOUR NEW POSITION. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **THE HONORABLE MARY JO BERNARDO-ARAGON:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN ZEV
10 YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, SUPERVISOR YVONNE
11 BURKE, SUPERVISOR DON KNABE AND SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH.
12 IT IS INDEED AN HONOR FOR ME AND THE MEMBERS OF MY CONSULATE
13 GENERAL, THE OFFICERS AND STAFF, AS WELL AS THE MEMBERS OF THE
14 FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN
15 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION HERE IN L.A. COUNTY HEADED BY MISS
16 MERCY. THIS IS INDEED A GREAT HONOR FOR US TO BE RECOGNIZED IN
17 THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE
18 THIS HONOR WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY
19 IN RECOGNITION OF THE POSITIVE AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS
20 WHICH THEY HAVE MADE TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHERN
21 CALIFORNIA AND TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY. INDEED, IT IS AN HONOR
22 FOR ME TO BE SERVING HERE AT THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL
23 HERE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS ONE OF OUR BUSY AND CHALLENGING
24 POSTS HERE IN THE U.S. AND I THINK WE SERVE UNDER OUR
25 JURISDICTION, WHICH EXTENDS AS FAR AS TEXAS, I BELIEVE ABOUT A



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1 MILLION OR SO FILIPINOS AND FILIPINO-AMERICANS. SO I WOULD
2 LIKE TO SHARE THIS HONOR AND RECOGNITION WITH MY FELLOW
3 FILIPINOS AND FILIPINO-AMERICANS WHO ARE HERE WITH ME IN THIS
4 GREAT HALL AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL DO US THE HONOR ALSO OF
5 FINDING A WAY OF HONORING OUR PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HERO, DR.
6 JOSE RESALD. WE DO HAVE A STATUE WHICH I HOPE THAT, SOME DAY,
7 WILL FIND AN APPROPRIATE PLACE HERE IN THIS GREAT COUNTY OF
8 LOS ANGELES, AND ALSO WE DO HAVE, AS YOU HAVE INDICATED, MR.
9 CHAIRMAN, WE DO HAVE A GREAT HISTORY TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED
10 STATES. OUR VETERANS HAVE FOUGHT WITH YOU THE LAST SECOND
11 WORLD WAR AND WE HOPE THAT THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS WOULD FIND A WAY IN SUPPORTING THE BILLS THAT ARE
13 NOW PENDING IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, THE FILIPINO VETERAN
14 SECRETARY... (CLAPPING)

15

16 **MARY JO A. BERNARDO-ARAGON:** ...PLEASE TALK TO YOUR SENATORS
17 AND CONGRESSMEN TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BILL. I WOULD LIKE TO
18 SHARE THIS HONOR, AS WELL, TO THE FILIPINO VETERANS WHO HAVE
19 GIVEN SO MUCH TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY AND IT'S BEEN 61 YEARS AND
20 WE BELIEVE IT'S TIME THAT THE RECOGNITION AND EQUITY AND
21 JUSTICE IS NOW GIVEN TO THEM. AND I THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR,
22 FOR THIS GREAT HONOR THAT YOU HAVE BESTOWED UPON ME, THE
23 FILIPINO-AMERICANS HERE IN L.A. COUNTY AND SOUTHERN
24 CALIFORNIA. WE DO HAVE MODEST GIFTS TO THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS AS OUR TOKEN OF APPRECIATION FOR THIS GREAT HONOR



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1 INDEED AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU ON ALL
2 THE MANY ISSUES AMONG OUR COMMON CONSTITUENTS, THE FILIPINO-
3 AMERICANS HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU, SIR. [
4 APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I WAS JUST TELLING THE CONSUL-
7 GENERAL THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS UNANIMOUSLY
8 SUPPORTED THE BILLS IN CONGRESS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES FACING
9 THE FILIPINO VETERANS WHO FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH OUR
10 SOLDIERS DURING WORLD WAR II. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT
11 PASSING ONE DAY SOON. SUPERVISOR KNABE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
14 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, A COUPLE VERY SPECIAL AWARDS HERE THIS
15 MORNING BUT FIRST OF ALL, I'M GOING TO ASK THE LONG BEACH
16 WILSON CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASEBALL TEAM AND SOME OF
17 THEIR MEMBERS TO JOIN ME ALONG WITH THEIR COACH, ANDY HALL.
18 IT'S MY PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE THIS GREAT BASEBALL TEAM. THEY
19 WON THEIR FIRST SOUTHERN SECTIONS CHAMPIONSHIP SINCE 1950. IN
20 ADDITION TO THEIR TITLE, THE TEAM SET A SCHOOL RECORD WITH 32-
21 3 BASEBALL SEASON. MORE IMPORTANTLY, AFTER THEIR GREAT VICTORY
22 IN THE C.I.F., THEY WENT ON TO BECOME THE NUMBER ONE RATED
23 TEAM IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
24 TEAM. SO, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND ALL THE
25 CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT COUNTY, WE WANT TO CELEBRATE THAT WITH



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1 THEM AND TO PRESENT THE COACH AND THE TEAM WITH THE SCROLL IN
2 RECOGNITION OF THEIR GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS, NOT ONLY LOCALLY
3 BUT TO BECOME NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. [APPLAUSE]

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5 **ANDY HALL:** REAL BRIEFLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF
6 DIRECTORS FOR INVITING US UP HERE THIS MORNING, SPECIFICALLY
7 MR. KNABE, CONNIE ZIBEL. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU'VE DONE TO
8 MAKE SURE THAT WE COULD BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON. IT'S QUITE AN
9 HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO NOT ONLY BE HERE THIS MORNING BUT
10 ALSO TO BE THE HEAD COACH OF SUCH A FINE GROUP OF YOUNG MEN AT
11 LONG BEACH WILSON HIGH SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US. [
12 APPLAUSE]

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** AT THIS TIME, I'M GOING TO ASK PASTOR HERRERA, OUR
15 DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, TO JOIN ME AND THE
16 FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICECORPS PROGRAM: CURTIS
17 CASSELLA, NOAH WRIGHTS, JOCELYN HOWARD, JOANNA RODRIGUEZ,
18 ELIZABETH JAMES, MARINA SCHWARTZ, CHRISTIE MOORE, SHOHAM
19 SOLUKI, EILEEN ORLENO, VANESSA YORK AND STEPHEN PIERCE. TODAY,
20 WE ARE RECOGNIZING 11 MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
21 AFFAIRS JUSTICECORPS PROGRAM, WHO HAVE ASSISTED AND COUNSELED
22 MANY LOS ANGELES COUNTY LITIGANTS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S SMALL
23 CLAIMS COURT ADVISOR AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT SERVICE PROGRAM.
24 SINCE 2005, THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS HAS
25 COLLABORATED WITH THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT IN THE



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1 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICORP JUSTICECORPS PROGRAM. THIS
2 YEAR, THESE 11 INTERNS WERE ASSIGNED TO THE SMALL CLAIMS COURT
3 ADVISORS PROGRAM. THEY REPRESENTED NUMEROUS SCHOOLS, AMONGST
4 WHICH ARE CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS, CAL STATE LOS ANGELES,
5 CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, CAL STATE LONG BEACH, CAL POLY POMONA
6 AND U.C.L.A. JUSTICECORPS MEMBERS HAVE ENHANCED THE
7 DEPARTMENT'S LEVEL OF SERVICE TO ITS CLIENTS BY PROVIDING
8 GREATER ACCESS TO JUSTICE. LAST YEAR, THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM,
9 THE JUSTICECORPS PROGRAM, WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE TOP-- ONE OF
10 THE TOP PROGRAMS IN THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND
11 WON ONE OF THE TOP ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF ALL
12 THAT THEY DO IN PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE, RESPONSIVE AND
13 EFFECTIVE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. SO UPSTAIRS WE PRESENTED EACH OF
14 THESE INDIVIDUALS WITH THEIR SCROLLS TO SAY THANK YOU FOR A
15 JOB WELL DONE. WE APPRECIATE THEIR EFFORTS, IT'S AN INCREDIBLE
16 PROGRAM AND I'M GOING TO ASK PASTOR TO SAY A COUPLE OF WORDS.

17

18 **PASTOR HERRERA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND GOOD MORNING. THANK
19 YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR, FOR THIS RECOGNITION AND ALSO FOR
20 THE BOARD MEMBERS. IT'S REALLY AN HONOR TO HONOR THESE
21 EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE DONE AN OUTSTANDING
22 JOB WITH OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS IN OUR SMALL
23 CLAIMS COURT ADVISOR PROGRAM. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY STAFF
24 THAT HAVE COACHED THEM, HAVE MENTORED THEM AND REALLY GUIDED
25 THEM THROUGH THIS PERIOD THAT THEY'VE BEEN WITH OUR OFFICE,



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1 NICK AKINO, S.B. HERNANDEZ AND ALSO DEBORAH WILLIAMS AND ALSO,
2 OF COURSE, I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THEIR
3 COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THIS PROGRAM THAT HAS BEEN
4 A REAL MILESTONE, A REAL SUCCESS FOR OUR DEPARTMENT. AGAIN,
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION. ON BEHALF OF THE
6 DEPARTMENT, THEIR PARENTS, THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN HERE AND HAVE
7 BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THIS PROGRAM AND ALSO THE SUPERIOR
8 COURT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. [
9 APPLAUSE]

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
12 GREAT SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MR. CHAIRMAN,
13 THOSE ARE MY PRESENTATIONS. OH, I DO WANT TO-- I DON'T KNOW IF
14 THEY'RE STILL HERE OR NOT BUT I WAS TOLD THAT WE HAVE MEMBERS
15 OF OUR R.A.C.S, L.A. COUNTY REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
16 MEMBERS THROUGH L.A. CARE PROGRAM. I WANT TO ASK THE-- THESE
17 GRADUATES ARE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES THAT HAVE COMPLETED A
18 SIX-WEEK COURSE THAT ALLOWS THEM TO HELP WITH ADVOCATE FOR THE
19 HEALTH NEEDS OF COMMUNITY. SO WE APPRECIATE ALL YOU DO.
20 CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. THANK YOU. [
21 APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, WE WOULD LIKE
2 TO ACKNOWLEDGE A GROUP OF STUDENTS ARE HERE FROM THE SANTA
3 CLARITA VALLEY. THEY ARE STUDENT YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT. IF
4 THEY'D PLEASE STAND UP, WE'D RECOGNIZE THEM. I SPOKE WITH THEM
5 EARLIER THIS MORNING AND WE APPRECIATE THEM COMING DOWN. THIS
6 IS THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE, VISIONS IN PROGRESS, WHICH
7 CONTRIBUTES THEIR IDEAS AND OPINIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO
8 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY RELATIVE TO PROJECTS, ISSUES AND
9 THOSE RELATING TO TEENS. SO WE APPRECIATE, WE MEET WITH THEM
10 EACH YEAR AND WELCOME. I TOLD THEM TODAY WE HAVE A MORE
11 INTERESTING EVENT THAT'S FORTHCOMING AND THEY'RE LOOKING
12 FORWARD TO THAT, SO THANK YOU AND WELCOME. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS WE DO EACH QUARTER, WE RECOGNIZE THOSE
15 YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND
16 THIS INCLUDES THOSE CHILDREN WHO ARE SUPERVISED BY THE
17 DEPARTMENTS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES ENRICHMENT PLUS
18 PROGRAM. WE WANT TO THANK THEIR PARENTS, RELATIVES, FOSTER
19 CARE PROVIDERS FOR THE GUIDANCE AND MOTIVATION THAT HAS
20 PROVIDED EACH OF THOSE RECIPIENTS TODAY. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO
21 NOW RECOGNIZE, BEGINNING WITH MELISSA NAHIMA FOR IMPROVED
22 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT, ENRICHMENT PLUS PROGRAM. SO, MELISSA? [
23 APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE ALSO HAVE A 50-DOLLAR GIFT CERTIFICATE
2 FROM BARNES AND NOBLE. NOW WE HAVE TAMARA DENUSCIO. [APPLAUSE
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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RUBY ALATORRE. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LAVILLE CANADONNA. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SAY A FEW WORDS?

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11 **SPEAKER:** YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNITED IS DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO
12 BRING THESE EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES TO THE CHILDREN. WE REALLY
13 APPRECIATE WHEN CHILDREN DO EXTREMELY WELL IN SCHOOL AND WHEN
14 THEY SHOW GREAT IMPROVEMENT, SO WE ARE HERE TO HELP THEM ALONG
15 THE WAY AND SUPPORT THEM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE VERY, VERY CUTE
18 LITTLE DOG. SHE'S EIGHT WEEKS OLD. SHE'S AN AUSTRALIAN CATTLE
19 DOG. SO THIS IS LITTLE ASHLEY. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO
20 ANYBODY'D LIKE TO ADOPT HER, YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER
21 AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN, (562) 728-4644. LITTLE ASHLEY
22 CAN BE YOURS. SHE'S A LITTLE SHY BUT THESE ARE VERY LOVABLE
23 DOGS. HI. HOW ARE YOU?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT TO SOME

3 GOOD FRIENDS BUT WE ARE WELCOMING THEM TODAY AS WELL AS MAKING

4 A PRESENTATION TO DEBORAH REID, MICHAEL DE LA TORRE, JOHN

5 GUERRERA AND I THINK PETER GERALDO IS ON HIS WAY AS WELL.

6 THEY'RE FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY, WHICH HAS

7 RECEIVED THE STATE AND NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THEIR MANY

8 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS. MOST RECENTLY, THEY WERE RECOGNIZED

9 BY DIVERSITY, INC., HISPANIC BUSINESS MAGAZINE AND J.D. POWER

10 & ASSOCIATES. I THINK IF WE COULD GET THE STAFF TO QUIET DOWN

11 ON MY SIDE IT WOULD BE GREAT BECAUSE THIS, I THINK, IS AN

12 IMPORTANT PRESENTATION. THE GAS COMPANY CONTINUES TO PROVIDE

13 EXCELLENT CUSTOMER SERVICE, PROMOTE DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE

14 AND IS A LEADER IN PROMOTING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY, SUCH AS

15 NATURAL GAS, TO CONTRIBUTE TO A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT. THEY

16 EXCEL IN CREATING WORKPLACE PROGRAMS, WHICH ENCOURAGE

17 EMPLOYEES TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY LIVE

18 AND WHERE THEY WORK THROUGH THEIR ENERGY FOR OTHERS, MATCHING

19 GIFTS, AS WELL AS THEIR VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. ALSO,

20 THEY PROVIDE SAFE AND RELIABLE ENERGY AND EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER

21 SERVICES, SERVICE TO THE BUSINESSES AS WELL AS TO THE

22 RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS THAT THEY HAVE RELIED ON FOR NEARLY 140

23 YEARS. AND THE GAS COMPANY PROVIDES A POSITIVE IMPACT BY

24 PARTNERING WITH THE COMMUNITIES IT SERVES TO ENHANCE THE

25 QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO PROMOTE AND



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1 IMPLEMENT VERY WORTHWHILE PROGRAMS AND VARIOUS EVENTS. SO IT
2 IS INDEED MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE
3 GAS COMPANY FOR ITS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS BUT, IN PARTICULAR, THE
4 LATEST SET OF RECOGNITIONS. THEY ARE A GOOD CORPORATE NEIGHBOR
5 TO ALL OF US AND SO WE APPRECIATE THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THIS
6 AREA AND SORT OF SETTING THE STANDARD FOR OTHER BUSINESSES TO
7 FOLLOW. CONGRATULATIONS.

8

9 **DEBORAH REID:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO, WHY DON'T YOU SHARE A FEW WORDS WITH US, MS.
12 REID?

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14 **DEBORAH REID:** I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU, TO THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS AND RECEIVE THIS ON BEHALF OF OUR EMPLOYEES. IT'S
16 OUR PEOPLE THAT REALLY MAKE US DO A GOOD JOB IN SERVING OUR
17 CUSTOMERS AND SO THIS IS FOR OUR PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** CONGRATULATIONS.

20

21 **DEBORAH REID:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES. COULD WE TAKE A
24 PICTURE?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M GOING TO CALL FORWARD LANIE LEE, SR. AND I'LL
4 COME DOWN THERE TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION BUT I'M GOING TO READ
5 THIS FIRST. AT 106 YEARS OLD, THERE IS VERY LITTLE IN LIFE
6 THAT WORRIES OR BOTHERS FORMER TERRELL TEXAN, LANIE LEE, SR.
7 HE'S VERY CONTENT ENTERTAINING HIMSELF WITH ALL KINDS OF
8 LITTLE GADGETS THAT KEEP HIM FOCUSED. HE HAS SEEN MANY PEOPLE
9 COME AND GO AND HAS LIVED TO SEE HISTORY DRASTICALLY CHANGE
10 FROM HIS BIRTH. LANIE WAS BORN TO EDWARD AND MINI LEE IN CEDAR
11 GROVE, TEXAS, IN A LOG CABIN ON JUNE 25TH, 1901. AS THE ELDEST
12 SON OF SIX BOYS, HE TOOK GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AT AN EARLY AGE
13 BY RAISING AND CARING FOR HIS BROTHERS AFTER BOTH OF HIS
14 PARENTS DIED. HE WAS A TALENTED SINGER AND, ALONG WITH HIS
15 BROTHER, CLARENCE, THEY TRAVELED TOGETHER AROUND NEIGHBORING
16 CITIES SINGING GOSPEL SONGS. LANIE LATER MARRIED THE LATE MRS.
17 JESSIE MAY LEE AND TO THIS UNION WERE BORN 11 CHILDREN. HE
18 ALSO WORKED FOR CONTINENTAL TRAIL WAY BUS COMPANY FOR 44 YEARS
19 UNTIL HE RETIRED IN 1972. WITH HIS FAMILY GROWING RAPIDLY,
20 LANIE AND JESSIE RELOCATED TO LOS ANGELES. HE ENJOYS THE
21 SIMPLE LIFE THESE DAYS. ONE OF HIS FAVORITE THINGS TO DO IS
22 PRAY AND THANK GOD FOR ALL OF HIS MANY BLESSINGS. HE NOW
23 RESIDES IN ENGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, WITH HIS DAUGHTER, SARA
24 HOUSTON, WHO RETIRED FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS



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1 WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO DOWN AND
2 PRESENT THIS TO HIM ON HIS 106TH BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, MANY GOOD WISHES TO YOU. WE'RE JUST PLEASED
5 TO HAVE YOU IN ENGLEWOOD, AND IN LOS ANGELES AND I KNOW THAT
6 YOUR CHILDREN ARE VERY PROUD AND THEY'RE BLESSED TO HAVE YOU
7 106 YEARS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **LANIE LEE:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. STAND UP.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU'D LIKE TO STAND UP? OKAY. WELL, IF YOU DON'T
12 STAND UP, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY? GREAT LIFE. THAT'S WONDERFUL.
13 WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY ANYTHING?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES. ON BEHALF OF MY DADDY, MR. LANIE LEE, WHICH HE
16 CANNOT SPEAK FOR HIMSELF AND THE REST OF MY FAMILY, I WOULD
17 LIKE TO THANK YOU, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR
18 BURKE, FOR RECOGNIZING MY DADDY. HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A
19 WONDERFUL PERSON WHERE YOU CAN TELL BY HIM STILL LIVING TO BE
20 106 YEARS OLD. HE CELEBRATED HIS BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY. THANK
21 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD MONIQUE
24 HUNTER, DIRECTOR FROM "FOOD FROM THE HOOD." HERE THEY ARE. FOR
25 12 YEARS, CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL HAS PARTNERED WITH "FOOD FROM



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1 THE HOOD" AND ITS STUDENT MANAGERS. THEY HAVE BEEN COMMITTED
2 TO USING THE COMPANY PROFITS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. THESE YOUNG
3 ENTREPRENEURS LEARNED HOW TO OPERATE EVERY AREA OF BUSINESS
4 AND ITS OPERATIONS. STUDENTS ACCUMULATE POINTS FOR EVERY HOUR
5 THEY WORK AND THE PROFITS ARE AWARDED AS SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE
6 PARTICIPANTS' EDUCATION FUND AND EACH GRADUATING SENIOR IS
7 ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FUNDS FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION. OVER
8 THE YEARS, MORE THAN 77 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS HAVE COMPLETED
9 HIGH SCHOOL, WITH OVER 20 GRADUATING FROM COLLEGE. IT'S WITH
10 GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO FOOD FROM THE
11 HOOD FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AND YOU HAVE SALAD DRESSING,
12 AND WHAT ELSE DO YOU MAKE?

13

14 **RUDOLPHO RAMIREZ:** THAT'S ALL WE MADE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** SALAD DRESSING. I THINK I'VE HAD YOUR SALAD
17 DRESSING. CONGRATULATIONS. AND THEN WE'LL LET YOU SPEAK. LET'S
18 TAKE A PICTURE AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE YOU SPEAK. THANK
19 YOU. WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE THEM.

20

21 **MONIQUE HUNTER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE
22 SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR INVITING US HERE. FOOD
23 FROM THE HOOD IS CELEBRATING ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY AND I'D LIKE
24 TO LET OUR LEAD STUDENT MANAGER SPEAK FOR THE ORGANIZATION, SO



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1 YOU'LL SEE WHAT IT IS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WITH THIS
2 WONDERFUL COMPANY. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MR. RUDOLPHO RAMIREZ.

3

4 **RUDOLPHO RAMIREZ:** HELLO, EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS
5 RUDOLPHO RAMIREZ. I'M LEAD STUDENT MANAGER AT FOOD FROM THE
6 HOOD, HEAD OF SALES AND MARKETING AND ACCOUNTING. AS MONIQUE
7 MENTIONED, OUR COMPANY HAS BEEN AROUND FOR 15 YEARS NOW. WE
8 ORIGINALLY STARTED AT CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL BUT WE HAVE NOW
9 MOVED INTO MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL. I'M A SENIOR AT
10 MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL. WELL, ACTUALLY, I'M GRADUATING
11 TOMORROW AND I WILL BE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
12 CALIFORNIA TO MAJOR IN ARCHITECTURE WITH A MINOR IN URBAN
13 PLANNING AND I'LL LET MY COLLEAGUES INTRODUCE THEMSELVES.

14

15 **CESAR BRAVO:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS CAESAR BRAVO.
16 I'M ALSO A GRADUATE OF THE PROGRAM AND CURRENTLY A BOARD
17 MEMBER. I ACTUALLY GRADUATED FROM CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL IN 1997
18 AND I GRADUATED FROM CAL POLY POMONA 2004/2005 WITH A DOUBLE
19 MAJOR IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING.
20 I NOW SIT AND I'M VERY PROUD THAT IF YOU CAN GO OUT AND BUY
21 THIS DRESSING, NOT ONLY WILL YOU BE SENDING A STUDENT TO
22 COLLEGE AND BUYING A GOOD PRODUCT BUT YOU'RE ALSO BUYING A
23 DREAM FOR ANOTHER STUDENT TO GO TO COLLEGE. THANK YOU. [
24 APPLAUSE]

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1 **SHARON PEARSON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS SHARON PEARSON AND
2 I'M CURRENTLY A STUDENT INTERN AT FROM FOOD FROM THE HOOD IN
3 THE PUBLIC RELATIONS AND CUSTOMER CARE DEPARTMENT. I HAVE BEEN
4 IN THE COMPANY FOR ONE MONTH AND I'VE ALREADY ACQUIRED
5 BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE AS WELL AS PERSONAL GROWTH. I AM AN
6 UPCOMING SOPHOMORE AT CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL AND, AFTER I
7 GRADUATE, I PLAN ON ATTENDING A MAJOR COLLEGE, DOUBLE MAJORING
8 IN BIOCHEMISTRY AND JOURNALISM, HOPEFULLY TO ACQUIRE
9 INFORMATION TO HELP THE WORLD FIND A CURE FOR THE H.I.V.
10 VIRUS. NOW I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE KATHERINE. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **KATHERINE ROMERO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KATHERINE ROMERO.
13 I'M A CURRENT SOPHOMORE AT CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL. I'M AN INTERN
14 FOR FOOD FROM THE HOOD. I'VE ONLY BEEN WITH THE COMPANY FOR
15 ABOUT A WEEK AND I HAVE ALREADY LEARNED SKILLS LIKE TIME
16 MANAGEMENT. I TAKE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SALES AND
17 MARKETING. THIS PROGRAM IS A REALLY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS
18 TO ACTUALLY GROW TO HIGHER ACADEMIC SKILLS AND MY FUTURE
19 GOALS, I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A MAJOR COLLEGE, HOPEFULLY U.C.
20 BERKELEY. I WOULD LIKE TO MAJOR IN PHYSIOLOGY AND MINOR IN
21 SOCIOLOGY AND HOPEFULLY HELP KIDS WITH SURGERY. NOW I WOULD
22 LIKE TO PASS IT BACK TO MY COLLEAGUE.

23

24 **RUDOLPHO RAMIREZ:** JUST TO CLOSE IT OFF, ONCE AGAIN, I'D LIKE
25 TO THANK YOU. AND, AS WE STARTED, WE WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK



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1 FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN INCORPORATING
2 OUR SALAD DRESSING WITHIN ALL THE L.A. U.S.C. SCHOOLS TO
3 PROMOTE HEALTH. SINCE WE STARTED IN L.A. U.S.C. SCHOOLS, WE
4 WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL. OKAY. THAT'S
7 MY HIGH SCHOOL. AT THIS TIME, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP THE WOMEN'S
8 HEALTH, ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE WORKING ON THE WOMEN'S HEALTH
9 SUMMIT FOR A PRESENTATION. I HOPE I HAVE THE NAME OF EVERYONE
10 HERE. ON MAY 24TH, THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH BROUGHT
11 TOGETHER OVER 400 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, PROVIDERS,
12 ADVOCATES, POLICY MAKERS, FUNDERS AND OTHER HEALTHCARE
13 STAKEHOLDERS FOR A WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY SUMMIT. THEIR CHARGE
14 WAS TO WORK TOGETHER DURING THE ALL-DAY CONFERENCE TO DEVELOP
15 PRIORITY, POLICY AND PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE
16 HEALTH STATUS OF WOMEN, WITH A FOCUS ON MULTICULTURAL WOMEN'S
17 HEALTH. 10 YEARS AGO, THE FIRST WOMEN'S HEALTH SUMMIT BROUGHT
18 TOGETHER 250 WOMEN HEALTH POLICY LEADERS TO DEVELOP POLICY
19 RECOMMENDATIONS, ONE OF WHICH WAS A COUNTY OFFICE OF WOMEN'S
20 HEALTH AND, IN 1998, I PUT FORTH A MOTION TO CREATE THE OFFICE
21 OF WOMEN'S HEALTH TO FOCUS ON THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY WOMEN, ESPECIALLY LOW INCOME WOMEN. A POLICY
23 SUMMIT SUCH AS THE ONE LAST MONTH PROVIDES AN ENORMOUS SERVICE
24 TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO POLICYMAKERS AND FUNDERS AND IT CALLS
25 UPON EXPERTS, THOSE ON THE FRONT LINE OF RESEARCH AND SERVICE,



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1 TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES COMING TOGETHER AND THEN TO TELL US WHAT
2 THEY THINK IS NEEDED MOST AND HOW BEST TO FULFILL THOSE NEEDS.
3 AND THIS WAS AN INTERACTIVE SUMMIT AND WAS VERY, VERY
4 SUCCESSFUL, FOCUSING ON THE MULTICULTURAL ISSUES FOR WOMEN'S
5 HEALTH. A NEW DATA REPORT WAS RELEASED, HIGHLIGHTING THE
6 HEALTH DISPARITIES IN L.A. COUNTY BY ETHNICITY AND INSURANCE
7 STATUS AND DEVELOPING A STRATEGY, SHORT AND LONG-TERM POLICY
8 PROGRAMS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE OFFICE OF WOMEN'S HEALTH
9 REPORT ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WERE DEVELOPED AT THIS
10 SUMMIT. HERE WE WANT TO THANK THE SPONSORS OF THE 2007 WOMEN'S
11 HEALTH POLICY SUMMIT. FIRST, KAISER PERMANENTE AND KAREN
12 LLAMA, CLINICAL CONSULTANT. HERE WE ARE. KAISER PERMANENTE.
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **KAREN LLAMA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IT WAS OUR HONOR AT KAISER PERMANENTE TO
17 ONCE AGAIN BE A SPONSOR OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT EVENT BRINGING
18 TOGETHER WOMEN LEADERS THROUGH THE COUNTY AND OTHER HEALTH
19 POLICY LEADERS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESULTS AND TO OUR
20 CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE EFFORT. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** MAY WE GET A PICTURE? THANK YOU. CALIFORNIA
25 ENDOWMENT. HOW ARE YOU? [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ALICIA DIXON IS HERE.

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4 **ALICIA DIXON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR. ON BEHALF OF ROBERT ROSS,
6 OUR PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT, WE THANK
7 YOU FOR THIS HONOR. WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS IN
8 BRINGING COMMUNITY AND THE VARIOUS AGENCIES TOGETHER TO
9 ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF UNDERSERVED WOMEN IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
10 ANGELES. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. L.A. CARE.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF HOWARD KAHN AND L.A. CARE HEALTH PLAN,
15 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, AND THE OTHER FOUR SUPERVISORS
16 FOR THIS HONOR. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THIS
17 VERY IMPORTANT WOMEN'S HEALTH POLICY SUMMIT AND LOOK FORWARD
18 TO THE RESULTS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. AND CALIFORNIA HEALTHCARE. THEY'RE NOT
21 HERE TODAY. WASHINGTON MUTUAL AND ABC 7. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SPEAKER:** I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF OUR PRESIDENT
24 AND GENERAL MANAGER, ARNIE KLEINER, AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC



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1 AFFAIRS, THERESA SALMINJEGO. IT'S A WONDERFUL EVENT AND WE'RE
2 VERY HAPPY TO SUPPORT EVERYTHING LIKE THIS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. DR. FIELDING, WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME
5 FORWARD AND JUST SAY A WORD?

6

7 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** JUST LIKE TO THANK THE OFFICE OF
8 WOMEN'S HEALTH, ELLEN EIDEN, AND HER WONDERFUL STAFF AND THE
9 BOARD FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THEIR HUGE DISPARITIES THIS
10 CONFERENCE REALLY HELPED US FOCUS ON WHAT NEEDS TO BE NEXT AS
11 THE HONORARY WOMEN IN THIS GROUP HERE. I STRONGLY SUPPORT
12 THEIR ACTIVITIES. ELLEN?

13

14 **ELLEN EIDEN:** JUST A WONDERFUL HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO EVERYONE
15 FOR SUPPORTING THE SUMMIT. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND
16 TO OUR GENEROUS FUNDERS, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO IT
17 WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE ONE PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE
22 TO ASK DR. JONATHAN FIELDING, MARIO PEREZ, SOPHIA ROMANES,
23 CARLO BAILEY, AND TERRY SMITH TO JOIN ME UP HERE. LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY HAS BEEN CRITICALLY IMPACTED BY THE A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC
25 WITH NEARLY 30,000 RESIDENTS WHO HAVE DIED, OVER 21,600



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1 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE LIVING WITH A.I.D.S. AND AN
2 ESTIMATED 58,000 CURRENTLY LIVING WITH H.I.V./A.I.D.S. IN
3 2005, PERSONS OF COLOR ACCOUNTED FOR 75% OF ALL CASES
4 DIAGNOSED AND WOMEN OF COLOR ACCOUNT FOR OVER 85% OF A.I.D.S.
5 CASES REPORTED AMONG WOMEN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. H.I.V.
6 COUNSELING AND TESTING IS CRUCIAL TO REACH THE ESTIMATED
7 15,000 H.I.V. INFECTED PERSONS WHO ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR STATUS
8 IN THE COUNTY AND TO STOP THE SPREAD OF THE ESTIMATED 2,000
9 NEW CASES THAT OCCUR EVERY SINGLE YEAR. RECENT MEDICAL
10 ADVANCES SHOW THAT EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT CAN PROLONG
11 AND IMPROVE LIVES. LOCAL STUDIES STILL SHOW THAT MANY PERSONS,
12 ESPECIALLY THOSE OF COLOR, ARE NOT BENEFITING FROM EARLY
13 DETECTION AND ARE BEING DIAGNOSED WITH A.I.D.S. AT THE TIME
14 THEY TEST FOR H.I.V. H.I.V. COUNSELING AND TESTING WEEK, WITH
15 ITS THEME OF BACK TO THE BASIC, KNOW YOUR STATUS, IS A
16 CRITICAL COMPONENT OF THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO
17 STOP THE SPREAD OF H.I.V./A.I.D.S. AND PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND
18 WELFARE OF RESIDENTS THROUGH INCREASED AWARENESS AND THE
19 PROMOTION OF H.I.V. COUNSELING AND TESTING FOR ALL AT RISK
20 PERSONS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-- SHHH-- THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WANTS TO PROCLAIM
22 JUNE 25TH THROUGH JUNE 30TH AS H.I.V. COUNSELING AND TESTING
23 WEEK, AS PROMOTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, OFFICE
24 OF A.I.D.S. PROGRAMS AND POLICY AND URGES ALL COMMUNITY-BASED
25 ORGANIZATIONS AND MEDICAL PROVIDERS TO BECOME AWARE OF THE



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1 IMPORTANCE OF COUNSELING AND TESTING AND TO LEND THEIR FULL
2 SUPPORT TO THIS CAMPAIGN. EVERYONE IS ALSO URGED TO ASSESS
3 THEIR OWN RISK FOR H.I.V. INFECTION AND CONSIDER TAKING AN
4 H.I.V. TEST AS APPROPRIATE. ALSO, I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT
5 THIS MORNING THE COUNTY, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
6 HEALTH, INAUGURATED ITS -- CHECK YOURSELF, RIGHT? CHECK
7 YOURSELF CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS THE CAMPAIGN ON SEXUALLY
8 TRANSMITTED DISEASES, PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN THAT THIS
9 BOARD ASKED FOR SOME TIME AGO AND I ACTUALLY HAVE-- WAS
10 IMPRESSED WITH THE ADVERTISEMENTS. THEY'RE PROVOCATIVE.
11 THEY'RE GOING TO GET A LOT OF PEOPLE TALKING. SOME PEOPLE
12 WON'T LIKE THEM BUT THEY'RE GOING TO SAVE LIVES AND I THINK
13 THAT IT'S BEEN LONG OVERDUE IN THIS COUNTY TO HAVE SOMETHING
14 THAT GOT PEOPLE'S ATTENTION, ESPECIALLY AT RISK-- THE AT RISK
15 POPULATIONS AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE PUBLIC HEALTH
16 DEPARTMENT AND THEIR TEAM FOR DOING THAT-- DOING SUCH A GOOD
17 JOB ON THAT. SO LET ME TURN THIS OVER TO JONATHAN FIELDING AND
18 I'LL MAKE THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROCLAMATION AFTER HE'S
19 THROUGH WITH HIS VERY BRIEF REMARKS.

20

21 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND
22 THE BOARD, FOR THIS PROCLAMATION. ONE QUARTER OF THE PEOPLE
23 WITH H.I.V. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY DON'T KNOW IT. THAT'S
24 15,000. ANYBODY WHO IS HAVING UNPROTECTED SEX SHOULD CHECK
25 THEMSELVES OUT, MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET A TEST. IT ONLY TAKES



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1 A FEW MINUTES. WE CAN DO IT JUST BY A LITTLE BIT OF SALIVA AND
2 PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THEIR STATUS. THE EARLIER PEOPLE GET INTO
3 TREATMENT, THE BETTER. AND SOME PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT EVEN KNOW
4 THEY'RE AT RISK SHOULD HAVE THE TEST ANYWAY JUST TO BE SURE.
5 THE C.D.C. RECOMMENDS THAT IT'S A GOOD THAT ALMOST EVERYBODY
6 GET TESTED. WHY NOT HAVE THAT REASSURANCE? SO THIS IS A
7 CRITICAL WEEK. LAST YEAR, WE HAD A 55% INCREASE IN THE NUMBER
8 OF TESTS. CALL, COME INTO OUR PLACE, WATCH OUR WEBSITE. BE
9 TESTED. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. JUNE 25TH THROUGH JUNE 30TH IS H.I.V.
14 TESTING WEEK. THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V., TOGETHER WITH PARTNERS
15 FROM OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. POLICIES AND PROGRAMS, PREVENTION
16 PLANNING COMMITTEE, AS WELL AS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WANT TO
17 THANK OUR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT ALL
18 THESE YEARS.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, ALL. [
21 APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. BEFORE WE GO TO THE
24 PUBLIC HEARING, WE HAVE A CORRECTION WE NEED TO MAKE ON THE
25 CONSENT CALENDAR. ITEMS...



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEMS 9, 13, 14 AND 15. IF WE COULD GET A
3 MOTION ON EACH OF THESE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE
6 HEARINGS?

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT, ON THE CONTINUANCE OF THE
9 HEARINGS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. BURKE MOVES, MR. ANTONOVICH
12 SECONDS ON ALL THOSE ITEMS, THE APPROPRIATE POSTPONEMENT SO
13 ORDERED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. ALL RIGHT. MR.
14 KNABE IS UP FIRST.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IS FIRST.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE. WELL, WAIT A SECOND. WE
19 WANT TO GO THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. I'M SORRY. ALL RIGHT.
20 LET'S GO THROUGH THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. ITEM NUMBER 1.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE
23 THE BOARD ON ANY OF THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS, PLEASE STAND AND
24 RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. [ADMINISTERING OATH]

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED. ITEM NUMBER
2 1. THIS IS A HEARING ON ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL
3 SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 FOR THE BELVEDERE
4 GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY
5 CODE, TITLE 20, UTILITIES TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL GARBAGE
6 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE FOR THE DISTRICT. NO
7 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS ITEM.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE NEED A STAFF REPORT ON THIS?
10 IDENTIFY YOURSELF AND PROCEED.

11

12 **EMIKO THOMPSON:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
13 MY NAME IS EMIKO THOMPSON AND I AM A CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE
15 PROCEEDINGS TO INCREASE THE GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT, GARBAGE
16 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE FROM \$152 TO \$192 PER
17 REFUSE UNIT AND TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE FEE ON THE
18 TAX ROLL DURING FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008. THE REPORT ON THE
19 GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE WAS PREPARED IN MY
20 OFFICE AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY
21 TO INCREASE THE SERVICE FEE TO THE RECOMMENDED LEVEL DUE TO
22 FACTORS SUCH AS INCREASES IN LANDFILL DISPOSAL FEES, FUEL
23 COSTS AND OPERATING COSTS WITHIN THE REFUSE COLLECTION
24 INDUSTRY. IN MY OPINION, IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO
25 CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE FEE ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT



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1 PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY COLLECTION OF SUCH FEE FROM THE
2 AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED GARBAGE
3 COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE
4 SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR ADEQUATE SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AND THE
5 PROPOSED FEE HAS BEEN FAIRLY IMPOSED. NOTICES OF THE PROPOSED
6 SERVICE FEE INCREASE WERE MAILED TO OWNERS OF APPROXIMATELY
7 19,000 PARCELS. WE RECEIVED SIX OBJECTIONS. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE
10 AUDIENCE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 1? SEEING NONE,
11 THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MS. MOLINA MOVES, MR. KNABE
12 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM?

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 2, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
15 CONDEMNATION OF REAL PROPERTY PARCEL 2 LOCATED AT 38462 88TH
16 STREET EAST, SUN VILLAGE, UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THERE'S NO
17 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE THAT WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER. I
18 BELIEVE THERE IS A PRESENTATION.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** STAFF?

21

22 **HENRY YAN:** HI. MY NAME IS HENRY YAN. MY TITLE IS CIVIL
23 ENGINEER. THIS PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD
24 IMPROVEMENTS TO PORTIONS OF 88TH STREET EAST FROM AVENUE Q-4
25 TO PALMDALE BOULEVARD IN INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY,



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1 ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PALMDALE. THIS SECTION OF 88TH STREET
2 EAST IS CURRENTLY UNPAVED. THE IMPROVEMENTS WILL CONSIST OF
3 PAVING THIS SECTION OF 88TH STREET EAST TO CREATE TWO 14-FOOT
4 LANES WITH A 4-FOOT INVERTED SHOULDER ON EAST SIDE FOR
5 DRAINAGE PURPOSES. WHEN COMPLETED, THE PROJECT WILL CREATE A
6 SMOOTHER ROADWAY SURFACE, IMPROVE ROADWAY DRAINAGE AND REDUCE
7 THE AMOUNT OF DUST ALONG THE SECTION OF 88TH STREET EAST.

8

9 **DAYNA ROTHMAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAYNA ROTHMAN, I'M THE
10 HEAD OF REAL ESTATE WITH PUBLIC WORKS. THE EASEMENT PROPOSED
11 TO BE ACQUIRED CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 4,800 SQUARE FEET AND
12 IS LOCATED ALONG THE FRONTAGE OF PROPERTY AT 38432 88TH STREET
13 EAST. PUBLIC WORKS HAS PERFORMED AN APPRAISAL OF THE FAIR
14 MARKET VALUE OF THE EASEMENT. HOWEVER, THE PUBLIC WORKS HAS
15 BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE AN OFFER TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY BECAUSE
16 THE OWNER OF RECORD, RALPH AND GEORGIA MILLER, ARE DECEASED
17 AND IT IS NOT CLEAR WHO THE PROPERTY BELONGS TO. A PRIVATE
18 INVESTIGATOR WAS RETAINED TO LOCATE THE MILLERS. THE
19 INVESTIGATOR DETERMINED THAT THE MILLERS ARE DECEASED AND THAT
20 THEIR CHILDREN DID NOT HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE 88TH STREET
21 PROPERTY. THE PROPERTY IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY HELEN L.
22 JAMES. MS. JAMES' STEPSON HAS INDICATED THAT HIS FATHER, WHO
23 IS NOW DECEASED, ACQUIRED THE PROPERTY FROM THE MILLERS.
24 HOWEVER, THERE IS NO RECORD OF THE SALE ON THE TITLE OF
25 PROPERTY. MS. JAMES AND HER STEPSON HAVE BOTH EXECUTED AN



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1 EASEMENT DEED IN FAVOR OF THE COUNTY. WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND
2 THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY FOR THIS
3 PROJECT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
6 WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, THE PUBLIC
7 HEARING IS CLOSED ON ITEM NUMBER 2. MR. ANTONOVICH MOVES, MS.
8 BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 3, THIS IS A HEARING ON
11 AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS,
12 MAKING A TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENT TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FIRST
13 AND FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS TO TRANSFER AMIGO COUNTY
14 PARK FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT TO THE FOURTH DISTRICT. NO
15 WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER. I DON'T
16 BELIEVE THERE ARE...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT? IS IT
19 WRITTEN ON THE MAP? CAN YOU JUST EXPLAIN HOW THIS -- WHAT
20 WE'RE DOING HERE?

21

22 **RICHARD WEISS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THIS IS TO
23 CORRECT AN ERROR THAT WAS MADE DURING THE LAST REDISTRICTING
24 AFTER THE LAST CENSUS. AMIGO PARK WAS INADVERTENTLY INCLUDED
25 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT AND THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IN THE COUNTY



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1 CODE HAS THE CENSUS TRACT AND THIS IS A CORRECTION TO MOVE
2 IT...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION HAS THE
5 PARK IN WHAT?

6

7 **RICHARD WEISS:** IN THE FIRST DISTRICT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S IN THE FIRST.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHERE-- HANG ON. I JUST WANT TO
12 UNDERSTAND. IS IT IN THE WRITTEN ORDINANCE THAT IT'S
13 IDENTIFIED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT?

14

15 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, BUT IT'S DONE-- THE WAY THE ORDINANCE IS
16 DONE, THERE'S A LIST OF CENSUS TRACTS AND THIS COMPLETE CENSUS
17 TRACT, I BELIEVE, IS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT SO WHAT IS BEING
18 DONE IS THE PORTION OF THE CENSUS TRACT WITH AMIGO PARK IS
19 BEING MOVED FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT INTO THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND IS THERE ANOTHER DOCUMENT THAT
22 SHOWS THE PARK IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT? SO THERE'S A CONFLICT?

23

24 **RICHARD WEISS:** YEAH, THERE'S A CORRECTED ORDINANCE. NO, NO,
25 NO. THERE IS NO CONFLICT IN THE ORDINANCE. THE ORDINANCE RIGHT



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1 NOW IS IN ERROR, SO THE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT MOVES THE PORTION
2 OF THE CENSUS TRACT FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT INTO THE FOURTH
3 DISTRICT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND IT'S JUST THE PARK? THERE'S NO
6 POPULATION SHIFT OF ANY KIND?

7

8 **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT'S CORRECT, IT'S JUST THE PARK, WHICH TAKES
9 COMPLETE ACCESS FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** AND YOU HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THE AREA, IT'S AN
12 ISOLATED THREE BLOCKS NEXT TO A FREEWAY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MR. KNABE MOVES, MS.
15 MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. IS THERE
16 ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE WANTED TO BE HEARD ON THIS BEFORE WE
17 VOTE ON THAT? I'M SORRY. SEEING NONE, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
18 CLOSED. MR. KNABE MOVES, MS. MOLINA SECONDS. WITHOUT
19 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. ITEM 4?

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 4. THIS IS A HEARING ON
22 ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
23 DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1
24 UNINCORPORATED ZONE, VALINDA AREA AND THE LEVYING OF ANNUAL
25 ASSESSMENTS FOR STREET LIGHTING PURPOSES FOR FISCAL YEAR



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1 2007/2008. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS SUBMITTED ON THIS
2 MATTER.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A STAFF REPORT?

5

6 **RANDINE RUIZ:** YES. MY NAME IS RANDINE RUIZ AND I'M A SENIOR
7 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I'M
8 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF
9 TERRITORY AND LEVY OF ASSESSMENTS FOR LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
10 DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1,
11 UNINCORPORATED ZONE. FOR PETITION AREA 143-1204 INVOLVING
12 HALEN STREET IN THE VALINDA AREA. IN MY OPINION, THE PETITION
13 AREA WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE
14 PROVIDED AND PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN
15 PROPORTION TO BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR
16 BOARD APPROVE THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES BY
17 NONEXEMPT TAXING AGENCIES.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT
20 THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF THE
21 BALLOTS AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR
22 TABULATION RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY HERE WHO WANTS TO
25 BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, I'LL SO MOVE THAT THE



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1 HEARING BE CLOSED AND THAT THE MATTER BE LAID ON THE TABLE SO
2 THAT THE VOTES CAN BE TABULATED.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 5, THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE
5 ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR
6 FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 FOR THE ATHENS, WOODCREST, OLIVITA,
7 FIRESTONE, LENNOX, MALIBU, MESA HEIGHTS AND WALNUT PARK
8 GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICT AND ON THE COLLECTION OF FISCAL YEAR
9 2007/2008 GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES AT THE
10 SAME RATE AS FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE
11 WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER AND I BELIEVE THERE IS A REPORT.

12

13 **EMIKO THOMPSON:** MY NAME IS EMIKO THOMPSON AND I'M A CIVIL
14 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR
15 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE
16 GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES AT THEIR EXISTING
17 RATES ON THE TAX ROLL FOR ATHENS, WOODCREST, OLIVITA,
18 FIRESTONE, LENNOX, MALIBU, MESA HEIGHTS AND WALNUT PARK
19 GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008. THE
20 REPORT ON THESE GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES
21 WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY
22 OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY TO RETAIN THE FEES AT THEIR CURRENT
23 LEVELS AND IT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT
24 THE FEES ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST
25 ORDERLY COLLECTION OF SUCH FEES FROM AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS.



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1 IN MY OPINION, THE FEES CONTINUE TO BE FAIRLY IMPOSED. WE HAVE
2 NOT RECEIVED ANY PROTESTS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
5 WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM, ITEM NUMBER 5? SEEING
6 NONE, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MS. MOLINA MOVES, MS.
7 BURKE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 6, THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE
10 ANNUAL SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE REPORT FOR FISCAL
11 YEAR 2007/2008 AND ON COLLECTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008
12 SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT THE SAME RATE AS
13 FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED
14 ON THIS MATTER. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT REPORT.

15

16 **EMIKO THOMPSON:** MY NAME IS EMIKO THOMPSON AND I'M A CIVIL
17 ENGINEER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR
18 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE
19 SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL ON
20 THE TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008. THE ANNUAL REPORT ON
21 THE SOLID WASTE GENERATION SERVICE CHARGE WAS PREPARED IN MY
22 OFFICE AND UNDER MY DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY
23 TO RETAIN THE SERVICE CHARGE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL AND IT IS IN
24 THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE CHARGE
25 ON THE TAX ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES FOR THE MOST ORDERLY



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1 COLLECTION OF SUCH CHARGE FROM THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS.
2 IN MY OPINION, THE SERVICE CHARGE CONTINUES TO BE FAIRLY
3 IMPOSED. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY PROTESTS TO THE REPORT.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO BE
7 HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 6? SEEING NONE, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
8 CLOSED. THE ITEM IS NOW BEFORE US. MR. ANTONOVICH MOVES, MR.
9 KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 7. THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE
12 2007 WEED ABATEMENT REFEREE'S SECOND REPORT TO ABATE NOXIOUS
13 OR DANGEROUS WEEDS, BRUSH, RUBBISH, ET CETERA, ON UNIMPROVED
14 PARCELS IN THE COUNTY. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED
15 ON THIS MATTER.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S NO STAFF REPORT, CORRECT?
18 SO WE HAVE ITEM NUMBER 7 BEFORE US. ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE
19 WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? SEEING NONE, THE PUBLIC
20 HEARING IS CLOSED. MS. BURKE MOVES, MR. ANTONOVICH SECONDS.
21 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 8, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
24 AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 15, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
25 TO PROVIDE FOR AN ALL-DAY PARK RESTRICTION FOR NONCONFIRMING



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1 VEHICLES IN THE LADERA HEIGHTS DISTRICT, VIEW PARK/WINDSOR
2 HILLS DISTRICT AND MARINA DEL REY DISTRICT. NO WRITTEN
3 CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER AND I BELIEVE
4 THERE IS A DEPARTMENT REPORT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU BELIEVE THERE'S A DEPARTMENT
7 REPORT?

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DEPARTMENT REPORT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS SOMEBODY HERE ON NUMBER 8 FROM
12 THE DEPARTMENT?

13

14 **RICHARD WEISS:** THERE IS NO REQUIRED REPORT. THERE IS A
15 REPRESENTATIVE HERE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THERE'S ONE PERSON HERE WHO
18 IS IN SUPPORT OF THIS. RONNIE COOPER.

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20 **SUP. BURKE:** RONNIE HAS LEFT. SHE WAS IN SUPPORT. SHE
21 REPRESENTS LADERA HEIGHTS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL MAKE HER SUPPORT PART OF THE
24 FILE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. WOULD YOU MAKE THAT PART OF THE FILE?

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE IN THE

8 AUDIENCE WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? NUMBER 8. SEEING

9 NONE, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MS. BURKE MOVES, MR.

10 ANTONOVICH SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE. NEXT ITEM.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 10. THIS IS THE HEARING ON

13 AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE TITLE 22 PLANNING AND ZONING AMENDING

14 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA COMMUNITY STANDARDS

15 DISTRICT. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS

16 MATTER.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO WANTS TO BE

19 HEARD ON THIS. DAVID HONDA. IS MR. HONDA HERE?

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO A BRIEF STAFF REPORT?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** STAFF REPORT FIRST THEN WE'LL HEAR

24 FROM MR. HONDA. SORRY. JUST HANG LOOSE.

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1 **GINA NATOLI:** MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. I'M GINA
2 NATOLI OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE PROJECT
3 BEFORE YOU TODAY, T-2007-00002, IS AN AMENDMENT TO COUNTY CODE
4 TITLE 22 THAT WILL ALLOW CERTAIN LOCAL SERVING BUSINESSES IN
5 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS NORTH AREA TO CONTINUE OPERATING
6 WITHOUT HAVING TO PURSUE A NONCONFIRMING REVIEW WITH REGIONAL
7 PLANNING AND, IN SOME CASES, TO EXPAND OPERATIONS. THIS
8 AMENDMENT IS NECESSARY BECAUSE IMPLEMENTATION OF ZONE CHANGES
9 ASSOCIATED WITH THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS, NORTH AREA PLAN,
10 AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE 2002-0062-Z INADVERTENTLY CAUSED AT
11 LEAST ONE LOCAL SERVING BUSINESS TO BECOME NONCONFIRMING. IN
12 MAY 2006, YOUR BOARD INSTRUCTED THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF
13 PLANNING TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE BY REVIEWING THE IMPACT OF THE
14 NORTH AREA PLAN ON LOCAL SERVING BUSINESSES TO RECOMMEND
15 APPROPRIATE ZONING ACTIONS TO ALLOW THOSE BUSINESSES TO
16 CONTINUE AND EXPAND AND TO ENSURE THAT THE USES ARE COMPATIBLE
17 WITH THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. ON MARCH 28TH, 2007, THE
18 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS
19 MATTER AND APPROVED THE AMENDMENT BEFORE YOU TODAY. THIS
20 ORDINANCE WILL ENSURE THAT LAWFULLY ESTABLISHED LOCAL SERVING
21 BUSINESSES ARE ABLE TO REBUILD, TO REQUEST A REVIEW THAT COULD
22 ALLOW EXPANSION UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS WITH A CONDITIONAL
23 USE PERMIT AND TO CONTINUE PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS
24 OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. MR. CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, THANK
25 YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. HONDA.

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4 **DAVID HONDA:** YES. GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE
5 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID HONDA. I'M THE OWNER OF A
6 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AT OLD CORNELL SCHOOL ROAD AND MULHOLLAND
7 HIGHWAY COMPRISING OF 4.25 ACRES, A.P.N. 4464004008. I'M ALSO
8 THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES NORTH VALLEY
9 AREA PLANNING COMMISSION. AS PRESIDENT, I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN
10 CAREFUL AND SENSITIVE TO THE RISK ON PUBLIC-- ON PERSONAL
11 PROPERTY RIGHTS. MY HOPE AND DESIRE TODAY IS TO TESTIFY TO
12 MAKE CONSCIOUS THE EFFORTS OF THE SUPERVISOR ON PERSONAL
13 PROPERTY RIGHTS AND NOT TAKE CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL INALIENABLE
14 RIGHTS AWAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. HONDA. ANYBODY ELSE
17 WANT TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? IF NOT, THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
18 CLOSED. I WANT TO READ AN AMENDMENT IN ON THIS ITEM. THE BOARD
19 OF SUPERVISORS RECENTLY LEARNED THAT THE ADOPTION OF THE NORTH
20 AREA PLAN AND ITS ACCOMPANYING ZONE CHANGES INADVERTENTLY
21 CAUSED ONE OR MORE EXISTING LOCAL SERVING BUSINESSES TO BECOME
22 NONCONFIRMING. THIS ORDINANCE WOULD CORRECT THAT PROBLEM BY
23 ALLOWING LOCAL SERVING BUSINESSES TO CONTINUE SERVING THEIR
24 CUSTOMERS WHILE ALSO ENSURING THAT ANY EXPANSION OF THOSE
25 BUSINESSES WOULD BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT



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1 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT
2 STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION WITH THE FOLLOWING MINOR AMENDMENTS.
3 ONE, INCLUDE THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE COMMERCIAL USES
4 THAT UNDERGO MINOR SHIFTS FROM ONE SIMILAR BUSINESS TO ANOTHER
5 AS LONG AS THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING FINDS THAT THERE
6 ARE NO INCREASES IN PARKING REQUIREMENTS OR OCCUPANT LOADS,
7 BOTH BUSINESSES ARE WITHIN THE SAME OCCUPANCY CATEGORY IN THE
8 BUILDING CODE AND NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR THE NEW BUSINESS
9 UNDER THE ZONING THAT WAS EFFECTIVE ON THE PROPERTY
10 IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2008. AND, 2, CLARIFY
11 THAT IF THE USE ON THE PROPERTY IS DISCONTINUED FOR TWO OR
12 MORE YEARS, THEN ANY SUBSEQUENT USE ON THE PARCEL MUST CONFORM
13 TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE NORTH AREA PLAN'S CURRENT LAND USE
14 CATEGORY AND ZONING DESIGNATIONS. SECONDED BY MS. BURKE.
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT AMENDMENT IS APPROVED. YOU'LL BRING
16 THAT BACK NEXT PLANNING HEARING, PROBABLY, RIGHT? OKAY. THANK
17 YOU. SO THAT'S AN AMENDMENT TO NUMBER 10 AND THE ITEM IS
18 APPROVED AS AMENDED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 11, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
21 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22, PLANNING AND
22 ZONING, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE JUNIPER HILLS
23 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS
24 PRESENTED ON THIS MATTER. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT REPORT.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. CAN WE HAVE THE
2 DEPARTMENT REPORT, PLEASE?

3

4 **MITCH GLASER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MITCH
5 GLASER. I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE
6 MANNER BEFORE YOU IS AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 22 OF THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO ESTABLISH THE JUNIPER HILLS COMMUNITY
8 STANDARDS DISTRICT. COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICTS ARE
9 AUTHORIZED IN THE CODE TO ADDRESS THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF
10 INDIVIDUAL UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN THE COUNTY. JUNIPER HILLS
11 IS LOCATED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY ALONG THE NORTHERN SLOPES OF
12 THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS AND IS DISTINGUISHED BY LOW
13 DENSITIES, A SECLUDED RURAL CHARACTER, UNIQUE DESERT FOOTHILL
14 APPEARANCE AND SIGNIFICANT NATURAL RESOURCES. THE COMMUNITY
15 STANDARDS DISTRICT IS THE RESULT OF A LONG PROCESS UNDERTAKEN
16 BY THE JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL, WHICH IS A VOLUNTEER GROUP
17 ELECTED BY FELLOW RESIDENTS TO SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY
18 TO THE COUNTY. AFTER A LOT OF PUBLIC OUTREACH AND MEETINGS,
19 THE TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTED THE C.S.D. TO THE DEPARTMENT AND WE
20 CONDUCTED AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY MEETING AND ALSO A HEARING
21 BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. WE FOUND THAT THE
22 C.S.D. IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN AND
23 TODAY STAFF ASKS THAT THE BOARD FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION OF
24 THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ADOPT THE C.S.D. ORDINANCE, APPROVED



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1 AS TO FORM BY COUNTY COUNSEL AND ALSO TO APPROVE THE RELATED
2 NEGATIVE DECLARATION. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S PRESENTATION.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO
5 HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD. DR. BRUCE W. LOVE AND VANCE POMEROY.
6 DR. LOVE?

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8 **DR. BRUCE W. LOVE:** I WOULD DEFER TO VANCE POMEROY, SINCE HE IS
9 THE PRESIDENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, LET HIM SPEAK FIRST.

10

11 **VANCE POMEROY:** VERY GOOD. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. VERY
12 HONORED TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU THIS
13 MORNING ON THREE SPECIAL END USE AND ZONING REASONS. NOT ONLY
14 WAS MY COUSIN, HUGH POMEROY, THE FIRST SECRETARY OF THE
15 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION BACK IN THE 1920S, IT'S ALSO BEEN
16 MY CHOSEN PROFESSION FOR THE PAST 23 YEARS. BUT, MOST
17 IMPORTANTLY, I'M PRESIDENT OF THE JUNIPER HILLS TOWN COUNCIL
18 AND I'M VERY GLAD TO COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO SUPPORT THE
19 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT ORDINANCE THAT'S BEFORE YOU
20 TODAY. THE TOWN COUNCIL LED A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS AND
21 COMMUNITY MEETINGS OVER THE COURSE OF A FEW YEARS AND CAME UP
22 WITH A DOCUMENT THAT WAS USED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF
23 TO DEVELOP THE C.S.D. THAT'S BEFORE YOU. AND THE TOWN COUNCIL
24 STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE C.S.D. AND RECOMMENDS APPROVAL BY THE
25 BOARD BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE STAFF REPORT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

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4 **DR. BRUCE W. LOVE:** MY NAME IS BRUCE LOVE. IF THERE ARE NO
5 OBJECTIONS TO THIS, I REALLY HAVE NO NEED TO SPEAK, OTHER
6 THAN...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BOY, I'LL TELL YOU, THAT'S SPOKEN
9 LIKE A MAN WITH A GREAT DEAL OF POLITICAL EXPERIENCE. [
10 LAUGHTER]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY HE'S A DOCTOR.

13

14 **DR. BRUCE W. LOVE:** OTHER THAN TO SAY THANK YOU FOR SAVING
15 JUNIPER HILLS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WANT TO THANK THE TOWN COUNCIL. THERE'S
20 BEEN A NUMBER OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS IN THE AREA
21 OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. WE WANT TO THANK THE TOWN COUNCIL AND
22 MY DEPUTIES, PAUL HANKLING, AND, PRIOR TO THAT, SHERRI, ALONG
23 WITH PAUL NOVAK FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS AND MOVE THE MOTION.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
2 UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING DOWN. ITEM NUMBER 12.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 12, HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO THE
5 COUNTY CODE, TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING, RELATING TO THE
6 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTHEAST ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY
7 STANDARDS DISTRICT. WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON
8 THIS MATTER.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** STAFF REPORT.

11

12 **MITCH GLASER:** YES. GOOD MORNING AGAIN, SUPERVISORS. MITCH
13 GLASER WITH REGIONAL PLANNING. THE SECOND MATTER BEFORE YOU
14 THAT I'M SPEAKING ON IS AN AMENDMENT TO TITLE 22 OF THE LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY CODE TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTHEAST ANTELOPE VALLEY
16 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT. AS MENTIONED, THE CODE
17 AUTHORIZES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT
18 TO ADDRESS THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS
19 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. IN THE CASE OF THIS C.S.D., IT ACTUALLY
20 COVERS TWO SEPARATE COMMUNITIES KNOWN AS SUN VILLAGE AND
21 LITTLEROCK, BOTH OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY.
22 THE LITTLEROCK TOWN COUNCIL AND SUN VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL
23 WORKED INDEPENDENTLY ON SEPARATE COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICTS
24 FOR SOME TIME. AFTER MUCH DISCUSSION, IT WAS FOUND THAT THE
25 TWO COMMUNITIES, WHICH ARE ADJACENT TO EACH OTHER, HAD MUCH



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1 MORE IN COMMON THAN HAD IN DIFFERENCE. THE C.S.D. THAT COMES
2 BEFORE YOU REPRESENTS STANDARDS THAT APPLY TO BOTH COMMUNITIES
3 AS WELL SPECIAL COMMERCIAL STANDARDS THAT APPLY TO THE
4 PALMDALE BOULEVARD CORRIDOR IN SUN VILLAGE AND ALSO THE
5 PEARBLOSSOM HIGHWAY CORRIDOR IN LITTLEROCK. AFTER MUCH
6 DISCUSSION AMONG THE TOWN COUNCILS, THE C.S.D. WAS GIVEN TO
7 STAFF. STAFF CONDUCTED AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY MEETING AND
8 ALSO PRESENTED THE MATTER FOR THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
9 EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOUND THAT
10 THIS ORDINANCE WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA
11 PLAN AND RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD. THIS
12 MORNING, STAFF ASKED THAT THE BOARD FOLLOW THE RECOMMENDATION
13 OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, ADOPT THE C.S.D.
14 ORDINANCE APPROVED AS TO FORM BY COUNTY COUNSEL AND APPROVE
15 THE RELATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S
16 PRESENTATION.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE
19 WHO ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AND I JUST WANT TO CALL TO
20 YOUR ATTENTION THE POLITICAL SHREWDNESS OF DR. LOVE. IN THE
21 INTERESTS OF TIME, IF YOU'D LIKE TO, RECOGNIZE-- WE HAVE
22 ROBERT MARTINEZ, FRANK OROCIO, WILLIAM GILD, JAMES BROOKS AND
23 DENNIS TETU AND YOU'RE ALL HERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS?

24

25 **DENNIS TETU:** YES, SIR.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO WAIVE YOUR
3 HEARING, OR ONE OF YOU WANT TO SPEAK FOR ALL OF YOU OR RISK
4 THE CHANCE THAT YOU'LL CHANGE OUR MINDS?

5

6 **DENNIS TETU:** OKAY. LET ME SPEAK.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IDENTIFY YOURSELF, THOUGH.

9

10 **DENNIS TETU:** DENNIS TETU. I'M FROM LITTLEROCK. I'M PAST
11 PRESIDENT FROM THE 1990S AND THE 2000S AND UP 'TIL 2006. I
12 WORKED ON THE ORIGINAL COMMUNITY STANDARDS THAT STARTED IN
13 1992. WE'VE HAD THOUSANDS OF HOURS AND MEETINGS AND PEOPLE AND
14 EVERYBODY'S IN BIG SUPPORT OF THIS. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH I
15 SPOKE TO MANY TIMES AND HIS DEPUTY. AND PEOPLE WANT TO STAY
16 RURAL. WE JUST-- WE REALLY WOULD APPRECIATE TO GET THIS PASSED
17 AND GET IT GOING SO WE CAN GET ON WITH OUR LIVES, PER SE. HOW
18 IS THAT?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S VERY GOOD. ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **BILL GOILO:** MY NAME IS BILL GOILO. I'M PAST VICE PRESIDENT OF
23 LITTLEROCK TOWN COUNCIL AND PRINCIPAL AUTHOR OF THE C.S.D.,
24 AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO LEND MY SUPPORT TO WHAT DENNIS SAID
25 AND URGE YOU ALL TO SUPPORT THIS C.S.D. AND, AS A REMINDER TO



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1 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT HIM WITH THIS
2 COLOR PENCIL DRAWING OF THE MARTIN HOUSE IN LITTLEROCK TO
3 REMIND HIM OF LITTLEROCK AND THE C.S.D.-- OF THE SOUTHEAST
4 ANTELOPE VALLEY C.S.D. I'M WONDERING IF YOU WOULD GIVE THAT TO
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

6

7 **DENNIS TETU:** IT'S ALSO THE OLDEST HOUSE IN THE ANTELOPE
8 VALLEY.

9

10 **JAMES BROOKS:** AND I'M JAMES BROOKS, THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF
11 SUN VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL. WE HAVE PUT A LOT OF WORK AND TIME
12 AND ENERGY INTO THIS AND WE URGE YOU TO PASS THIS. IT'S A
13 GREAT BENEFIT FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, LET ME ALSO JUST SAY THAT WE
18 WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH LITTLEROCK AND SUN VILLAGE AND SHERRY
19 LASAGNA AND NORM HINCKLING, PAUL NOVAK AND THE REST OF THE
20 STAFF, PAT RUSSELL AND ALL HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AND WE'VE
21 FINALLY REACHED THE MOUNTAIN TOP AND IT WAS THROUGH
22 COOPERATION AND COMPROMISE AND I'LL BE PLEASED TO MAKE THE
23 MOTION FOR THE C.S.D. SO MOVED, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
2 UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION WITH US. THANKS.

3

4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 16, THIS IS DE NOVO HEARING ON
5 PROJECT NUMBER R2005-04132, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE NUMBER
6 R2006 00074 AND DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION TO
7 AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION, USE AND MAINTENANCE OF A NEW
8 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON A VACANT LOT LOCATED AT 4315 EAST
9 COMPTON BOULEVARD IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST
10 COMPTON, EAST COMPTON ZONED DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY VIRIDIANA
11 GARCIA. NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS PRESENTED ON THIS
12 MATTER. THERE IS A STAFF PRESENTATION.

13

14 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS, GOOD MORNING. I'M RUSSELL FRICANO OF THE ZONING
16 PERMIT SECTION OF ZONING PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
17 PLANNING. PROJECT NUMBER R2005 04132 AND CONDITIONAL USE
18 PERMIT NUMBER T2006 00074 IS A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE
19 CONSTRUCTION USE AND MAINTENANCE OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE
20 IN THE C-3, WHICH IS THE UNLIMITED COMMERCIAL ZONE. THE SITE
21 IS LOCATED AT 4315 EAST COMPTON BOULEVARD IN UNINCORPORATED
22 EAST COMPTON IN THE EAST COMPTON ZONED DISTRICT. THIS MATTER
23 WAS HEARD BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 14TH
24 OF 2007. WHILE THE COMMISSION RECOGNIZED THAT THERE IS A NEED
25 FOR HOUSING, THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S DESIGN WOULD BE



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1 UNDESIRABLE. THE COMMISSION NOTED THAT PROPOSED FAMILY ROOMS
2 COULD BE EASILY CONVERTED TO ADDITIONAL BEDROOMS, CREATING A
3 POTENTIAL FOR OVERCROWDING. INADEQUATE NUMBER OF BATHROOMS ARE
4 PROVIDED IN RELATION TO THE NUMBER OF PROPOSED BEDROOMS. THE
5 PROJECT IS ALSO LOCATED ALONG EAST COMPTON BOULEVARD, A BUSY
6 STREET WHICH LACKS AMPLE PLAY AREAS. STAFF ALSO NOTES THAT THE
7 EXISTING LAND USE IN THE VICINITY OF THE SITE ALONG EAST
8 COMPTON BOULEVARD IS PREDOMINANTLY COMMERCIAL. THE LOT IS VERY
9 NARROW IN SHAPE, PROVIDING CONSTRAINTS FOR SIDE YARD SETBACKS
10 AND THE SITE IS ALSO NEAR AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT SELLS
11 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. THIS MAKES THE DEVELOPMENT UNSUITABLE AND
12 UNSAFE FOR CHILDREN. THE COMMISSION DETERMINED THAT A FUTURE
13 COMMERCIAL OR MIXED USE PROJECT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR
14 THIS PARCEL. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
15 INDICATE ITS INTENT TO UPHOLD THE DENIAL OF PROJECT NUMBER
16 R2005 04132 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE T-2006 00074 AS
17 RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND ALSO TO
18 INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO
19 UPHOLD THE DENIAL OF THIS PROJECT. THAT CONCLUDES MY
20 PRESENTATION.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANYBODY IN THE
23 AUDIENCE WANTS TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NUMBER 16? THERE'S ONE
24 PERSON WANTS TO BE HEARD. COME ON DOWN. IDENTIFY YOURSELF,
25 PLEASE. THANKS.



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2 **VIRIDIANA GARCIA:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VIRIDIANA GARCIA,
3 I'M THE APPLICANT ON THIS PROJECT. AND BASED ON THE DECISION
4 OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, WE TAKE SOME CHANGES ON THE DESIGN
5 OF THE HOUSE, WHICH ARE-- WE ADD A BATHROOM AT THE FIRST FLOOR
6 AND ALSO WE TAKE OUT A BATHROOM, SO NOW IT'S A 3-HOUSE
7 BEDROOM. AND WE ARE OFFERING THE FAMILY ROOM SO IT CAN BE USED
8 AS A PLAY AREA FOR THE CHILDREN AND THOSE ARE ALL THE CHANGES
9 WE MADE, BASED ON THE DECISIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NOBODY ELSE
12 WANTS TO BE HEARD. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. SUPERVISOR
13 BURKE?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** YES. THE PROBLEM WITH THIS IS IT'S A PROPOSAL TO
16 PUT A 1,800 SQUARE FOOT HOUSE ON 2,500 SQUARE FOOT LOT. 1,845
17 SQUARE FOOT HOUSE ON A 2,500 SQUARE FOOT LOT IN A AREA THAT IS
18 HEAVILY TRAFFIC AND IT'S A UNDERSIZED LOT TO START WITH,
19 UNDERSIZED FOR ANYTHING, PARTICULARLY IF YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE
20 A HOUSE THERE, THERE WOULD BE NO ROOM FOR-- YARD FOR CHILDREN
21 TO PLAY AND I HAVE THIS MOTION, UNLESS YOU WOULD LIKE TO
22 WITHDRAW IT AND MAYBE GO BACK AND COME UP WITH SOME OTHER
23 PLAN.

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1 **VIRIDIANA GARCIA:** WELL, I HAVE A NEW DESIGN BUT WE DIDN'T
2 CHANGE ANYTHING ON THE EXTERIOR. IT'S JUST THE SAME, THE
3 DESIGN ON THE INTERIOR, SO WE-- THE SIZE OF THE HOUSE IS STILL
4 THE SAME.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** SO YOU WANT TO STAY WITH IT. ALL RIGHT. I HAVE NO
7 CHOICE BUT TO SAY THAT, ON THIS UNDERSIZED LOT, WE JUST COULD
8 NOT APPROVE A HOUSE OF THIS MANY SQUARE FEET BUT IF YOU WANT
9 TO WITHDRAW THIS APPLICATION OR I CAN CONTINUE IT AND YOU GO
10 BACK-- I'LL REFER IT BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION, YOU CAN
11 COME UP WITH A DIFFERENT PLAN, IF YOU'D LIKE. OR I CAN JUST,
12 YOU KNOW, DENY IT AT THIS POINT. I HAVE NO PROBLEM REFERRING
13 IT BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND WHERE YOU CAN COME UP
14 WITH A DIFFERENT PLAN AND A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO IT OR YOU
15 MIGHT WANT TO USE-- AND I NOTICE RIGHT NEXT DOOR, IT'S LIKE
16 TRAILERS PARKED ON THE STREET, IN THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR.

17

18 **VIRIDIANA GARCIA:** ACTUALLY...

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IT'S JUST A VERY SMALL LOT, 2,500-SQUARE-FOOT
21 LOT AND-- YOU HAVE YOUR CHOICE. IF YOU'D LIKE FOR ME TO REFER
22 IT BACK, I CAN. AND IT'S NEXT TO NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM, A
23 NIGHTCLUB, IS THAT WHAT THAT IS? OR WHAT IS IT?

24

25 **VIRIDIANA GARCIA:** WHAT WAS THAT, I'M SORRY?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT IS NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM? IT SERVES ALCOHOL, I
3 UNDERSTAND. IS THAT RIGHT?

4

5 **RUSSELL FRICANO:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** NEXT DOOR.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD YOU LIKE FOR ME TO REFER IT BACK TO THE
10 PLANNING COMMISSION?

11

12 **VIRIDIANA GARCIA:** OKAY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL MOVE THAT WE REFER THIS BACK TO
15 THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO LOOK AT SOME
16 OTHER ALTERNATIVES.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE
21 THE ORDER. THANK YOU, MS. GARCIA. ITEM 17.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 17. THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING ON DE
24 NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NUMBER R-2005-03784, CONDITIONAL USE
25 PERMIT R-2005-000248 AND DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL



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1 EXEMPTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OPERATION AND
2 MAINTENANCE OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE ON A UNDERSIZED
3 PARCEL LOCATED AT 10401 SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE IN THE WEST
4 ATHENS-WESTMONT ZONED DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY AJIM BAKSH.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE SOME STAFF REPORT.

7

8 **MARK CHILD:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARK CHILD. I'M WITH THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING ZONING PERMIT SECTION. ITEM 17
10 IS AN APPEAL OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S DENIAL OF
11 PROJECT NUMBER R-2005-03784, WHICH IS A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
12 REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE C-3
13 UNLIMITED COMMERCIAL ZONE. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
14 FOUND THAT THE REQUEST WAS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT OF
15 THE WEST ATHENS-WESTMONT COMMUNITY PLAN. THE PLAN ENVISIONS
16 VERMONT AVENUE AS A REGIONAL COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR. VERMONT
17 AVENUE IS A BUSY COMMERCIAL STREET. A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE
18 IN THIS ENVIRONMENT WILL CONFLICT WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA.
19 THE PROPERTY IS ALSO BELOW THE MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIRED FOR
20 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE LOT IS 3,420 SQUARE FEET. 5,000
21 SQUARE FEET IS THE REQUIRED MINIMUM. THE REGIONAL PLANNING
22 COMMISSION CONSIDERED THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONCLUDED THAT
23 THE PROJECT WAS NOT-- COULD NOT BE CONDITIONED TO BE
24 COMPATIBLE WITH THE CURRENT AND INTENDED DEVELOPMENT OF THE



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1 AREA AND THEREFORE DENIED THE REQUEST. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S
2 PRESENTATION.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THAT'S THE STAFF
5 REPORT. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. I'LL CALL
6 THEM BOTH UP. RAMANBHAI BHAKTA AND HENRY PORTER. MR. BHAKTA?

7

8 **RAMANBHAI BHAKTA:** YES. HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS, MY
9 NAME IS RAHMANBHAI BHAKTA. I AM THE OWNER AND OPERATOR OF THE
10 MOTEL LOCATED AT 10411 SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE. THE SIDE LOT
11 10401, I OPPOSE THE CHANGE OF THE ZONING JUST FOR SIMPLE
12 REASON IT IS UNDERSIZED LOT. ALSO, THE VERMONT AVENUE IS A
13 THREE-LANE BUSY STREET. THE SURROUNDING IS MOSTLY SMALL
14 BUSINESSES, SO THAT LOCATION IS NOT A GOOD IDEA FOR ANY FAMILY
15 TO RAISE CHILDREN BECAUSE IT'S A BUSY STREET AND ALSO, I
16 BELIEVE THAT IT'S BETTER WE KEEP THE OPPORTUNITY OPEN FOR THE
17 SMALLER ENTREPRENEUR IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES
18 INSTEAD OF PUTTING A HOUSE AND JEOPARDIZE ANY OTHER CHILDREN
19 OR ANYTHING. SO I OPPOSE ZONE CHANGE ON THIS PARCEL. THANK
20 YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. PORTER?

23

24 **HENRY PORTER:** GOOD MORNING. HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS, I'M IN OPPOSITION OF THAT, ALSO. I'M THE



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1 PRESIDENT OF OUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. SEVERAL ISSUES CONCERN
2 ME. NUMBER ONE, THE LOCATION. CORNER OF 104 AND VERMONT. AS
3 STATED, VERMONT IS A PRIMARY HIGHWAY AND ON THE CORNER IS
4 PROBABLY ONE OF THE WORST PLACES YOU CAN PUT A SINGLE-FAMILY
5 RESIDENCE. THERE ARE ISSUES INVOLVING SAFETY. THERE'S A NOISE
6 ISSUE. AGAIN, THERE ARE ISSUES ABOUT CHILDREN PLAYING OR
7 FAMILIES BEING IN THERE. THE OTHER THING I'M CONCERNED ABOUT
8 IS THE UNDERSIZED LOT. THE FOOTPRINT FOR THIS HOUSE WILL COVER
9 985 SQUARE FEET OF THE LOT WITH AN ATTACHED GARAGE. NOW, WITH
10 SUCH A SMALL FOOTPRINT, WHAT I COULD SEE POSSIBLY HAPPENING,
11 AND WE CAN'T PREJUDGE THE FUTURE, BUT THIS IS AN IDEAL
12 SITUATION FOR ONE OF THE THINGS WE'RE COMBATING ON A DAY BY
13 DAY BASIS ALREADY, WHICH IS ILLEGAL GARAGE CONVERSIONS IN
14 ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE MORE LIVABLE SPACE THERE. IT WOULD BE
15 INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING THINGS. THE NEXT THING IS
16 THE EXISTING DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESIDENCES THAT ARE THERE ON
17 VERMONT ALREADY DOESN'T SET ON VERMONT ITSELF. THERE'S
18 COMMERCIAL THAT BUFFER THE RESIDENTS FROM THE TRAFFIC AND ALL
19 OF THOSE CONCERNS THAT'S ON IMPERIAL HIGHWAY. AGAIN, WE DO
20 HAVE A CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF HOUSING BUT THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO
21 GO ABOUT ACHIEVING IT. SO WE'RE ASKING THAT THIS APPLICATION
22 BE DENIED AND THAT THE APPLICANT GO BACK AND LOOK FOR SOME
23 KIND OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THAT CORNER. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. PORTER. MS. BURKE?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** THIS IS A 3,400 SQUARE FOOT LOT, WHICH IS UNDER
3 THE REQUIRED SIZE FOR A RESIDENTIAL LOT, WHICH IS 5,000 SQUARE
4 FEET. I DON'T SEE THAT THERE WOULD BE ANYTHING THAT WOULD BE
5 GAINED BY GOING FORWARD WITH THIS AND SO I HAVE THE MOTION
6 THAT WE'RE PASSING OUT. THIS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
7 APPLICATION IS A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION, USE
8 AND MAINTENANCE OF A SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE IN THE C-3
9 UNLIMITED COMMERCIAL ZONE. THE SITE IS LOCATED AT 10401 SOUTH
10 VERMONT AVENUE IN THE WEST ATHENS-WESTMONT ZONE DISTRICT.
11 WHILE THE BOARD RECOGNIZES THAT THERE IS A NEED FOR HOUSING, A
12 NUMBER OF FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT DO NOT REPRESENT
13 SOUND PLANNING PRACTICE. THE PARCEL IS ONLY 3,420 SQUARE FEET,
14 WHICH DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIRED LOT AREA OF 5,000 SQUARE FEET
15 FOR A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. THE EXISTING LAND USE IN THE
16 VICINITY IS ALONG SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE. IT'S PREDOMINANTLY
17 COMMERCIAL. GIVEN THE PREDOMINANT COMMERCIAL NATURE OF THE
18 DEVELOPMENT ALONG SOUTH VERMONT AVENUE, A FUTURE COMMERCIAL OR
19 MIXED USE PROJECT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THIS PARCEL. I
20 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER BE
21 CLOSED, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS EXPRESS ITS INTENT TO UPHOLD
22 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DENIAL OF PROJECT NUMBER R-
23 2005-03784 AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NUMBER T-2005-00428 AND
24 INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINDINGS FOR DENIAL.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
2 UNANIMOUS VOTE. ITEM NUMBER 4, WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO THAT.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON ITEM NUMBER 4, AFTER
6 TABULATING THE BALLOTS, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO
7 MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND
8 LEVYING OF ASSESSMENTS FOR PETITION NUMBER 143-1204 HIGHLAND
9 STREET IN THE VALINDA AREA TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE
10 DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1
11 UNINCORPORATED ZONE. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR
12 THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO ANNEX AND LEVY
13 ASSESSMENTS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I WOULD SO MOVE.
16 SECONDED BY MS. MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.
17 WE'LL GO ON TO THE BOARD ITEMS NOW.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO MR.
22 KNABE, I WOULD ASK THE BOARD TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AL
23 LANGER, CONSTITUENT OF MINE BUT I THINK OF ALL OF OURS,
24 FOUNDER OF LANGER'S DELICATESSEN. PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY. I HAD
25 THE PRIVILEGE OF...



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS. OF SEEING HIM JUST A
5 11 DAYS AGO AT THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF LANGERS. IT WAS GREAT
6 THAT HE LIVED TO SEE THAT, THAT DAY AND IT WAS A HAPPY DAY FOR
7 HIM AND HIS FAMILY. HE IS SURVIVED BY A NUMBER OF FAMILY
8 MEMBERS, INCLUDING HIS SON, NORM, WHO NOW RUNS THE DELI. IT'S
9 ONE OF THE BEST DELIS IN THE COUNTRY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND HE WAS QUITE A GUY. EVEN 11
14 DAYS AGO, HE WAS ALL THERE. SO HE LIVED A FULL LIFE. DIED AT
15 THE AGE OF 94. SUPERVISOR-- WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.
16 SUPERVISOR KNABE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I HAVE
19 SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL, THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
20 OF JOHN ARMBRUSTER, WHO IS THE FATHER OF GAIL LEGROS AND GWEN
21 ADRIZZI, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS WEEKEND AFTER A LONG ILLNESS.
22 ALL MEMBERS. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PEARL, AND DAUGHTERS, GAIL
23 AND GWEN. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THEM. ALSO THAT WE
24 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DAN AYCOCK, BROTHER IN LAW OF ROGER
25 LEGROS, WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY OVER THE WEEKEND. HE IS



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1 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MICHELLE, AND SONS, BRIAN AND JASON,
2 STEPSON, ZACK. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PAT MCINTYRE,
3 A 37 YEAR RESIDENT AND FORMER TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL WOMAN, WHO
4 PASSED AWAY MONDAY MORNING OF CANCER, THE DAY ACTUALLY BEFORE
5 THE CITY COUNCIL WAS SCHEDULED TO APPOINT HER REPLACEMENT. SHE
6 WAS ELECTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL IN 2002 AND REELECTED LAST
7 YEAR TO A SECOND FOUR-YEAR TERM. BEFORE THAT, SHE SERVED ON
8 THE CITY'S LIBRARY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE. SHE HAD A PARTICULAR
9 AFFECTION FOR OLD TORRANCE AND CHAMPION OF THE HISTORIC
10 PRESERVATION ISSUES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DR. HUGH
11 MCINTYRE, SON, CAMERON, AND DAUGHTER, ANNE. ALSO THAT WE
12 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF KEN YAMAKI, WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AT
13 THE AGE OF 83. HIS COLLEGE YEARS WERE INTERRUPTED BY WORLD WAR
14 II. HE WAS A HEAVY ARTILLERY MACHINE GUN STAFF SERGEANT WHO
15 WAS INITIALLY SENT TO ITALY TO HELP RESCUE THE FAMED LOST
16 BATTALION OF TEXANS BUT INSTEAD WAS REDEPLOYED TO FIGHT GERMAN
17 FORCES ALONG THE GOTHIC LINE AND LATER IN FRANCE. HE WAS
18 DECORATED WITH THE DISTINGUISHED UNIT BADGE, THE THEATRE
19 RIBBON AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDALS. AFTER HIS MILITARY SERVICE, HE
20 MOVED TO CALIFORNIA. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF BOTH THE 442ND
21 VETERANS ORGANIZATION AND THE WEST SIDE OPTIMIST'S CLUB. HE
22 WAS ALSO AN AVID GOLFER, A LOVING GRANDFATHER AND ADORED HIS
23 GRANDCHILDREN. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 51 YEARS, MARTHA,
24 SONS, CLIFFORD AND MICHAEL, DAUGHTERS, ROSEMARY AND JUNE, HIS
25 BROTHER, JOE, AND SISTER, KIM AND HIS GRANDCHILDREN. THOSE ARE



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1 MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN. MR. CHAIRMAN? THOSE ARE MY
2 ADJOURNMENTS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. LET ME SEE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BIG QUESTION IS WHETHER WE TAKE
9 THE HOSPITAL OR PARIS HILTON FIRST. IT'S NOT A CLOSE CALL.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE SET MATTER IS AT 12:00.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, IT'S AT 12:00. SO THAT
14 ABSOLVES US OF MAKING A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU HELD ITEM-- WELL, LET'S SEE. NEVER MIND.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DIDN'T MEAN TO...

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 25.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 25. HELD BY SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. JANSSEN, RELATIVE TO THIS
2 ISSUE, DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY CASES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENTS HAVE
3 BEEN MADE AGAINST COUNTY COMMISSIONS?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** I ONLY KNOW OF ONE BAD ONE.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T, SUPERVISOR. MAYBE IF THERE'S SOMEBODY
8 HERE FROM AFFIRMATIVE ACTION...

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I CAN TELL YOU, I KNOW OF ONE THAT WAS VERY
11 UNFORTUNATE AND I THINK YOU KNOW THE PERSON.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU CAN TELL ME AFTERWARDS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE OTHERS BUT I KNOW
16 THAT WE HAD ONE WHERE WE WENT TO TRIAL, I BELIEVE.

17

18 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD...

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** MAYBE MORE THAN ONE.

21

22 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** ...THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF INSTANCES
23 INVOLVING COMMISSIONERS. I CANNOT GIVE YOU SPECIFIC RECALL
24 RIGHT NOW BUT THERE HAVE BEEN A COUPLE OF INSTANCES INVOLVING
25 CLAIMS AGAINST COMMISSIONERS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE CURRENT LAW ALREADY REQUIRES ALL
3 COMMISSIONERS WHO RECEIVE A STIPEND OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR
4 EXPENSES TO ATTEND A 2-HOUR ETHICS TRAINING CLASS ONCE EVERY
5 TWO YEARS. IS THERE ANY WAY TO INCORPORATE THIS NEW TRAINING
6 INTO THE EXISTING TRAINING REQUIREMENT? THIS ONE IS FOR TWICE
7 A YEAR.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** NO, NO. EVERY OTHER YEAR.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE MOTION DOESN'T READ EVERY OTHER YEAR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY, IT SHOULD BE EVERY OTHER YEAR.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT SAYS-- AND, ALSO, I'M LOOKING AT
16 RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR, IS TO REPORT BACK IN 60
17 DAYS, SO I THINK WE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT THE ISSUES THAT YOU
18 RAISED AND REPORT BACK.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND BE EVERY OTHER YEAR. I HAVE NO PROBLEM
21 WITH THAT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE IT, THEN.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND. IS THERE AN OBJECTION? NO
2 OBJECTION ON ITEM 25. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THEN, I THINK, THEN...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO JUST TAKE A COUPLE
7 OF THE PUBLIC PEOPLE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** RUN THROUGH THOSE REAL QUICK?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 26.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, 26, WE HAVE A MEMBER OF THE
16 PUBLIC WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD ON THIS. DR. CLAVREUL AND RICHARD
17 MATTHIAS. DR. CLAVREUL.

18

19 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD MORNING BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M A LITTLE BIT
21 CONCERNED OF THE LARGESS OF THE COUNTY VIS A VIS A.P.L.A. IT'S
22 NOT THE FIRST TIME GETTING QUITE A BIT OF LARGESS FROM OUR,
23 YOU KNOW, COUNTY. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF THERE
24 WAS AN R.F.P. ON THAT SPECIFIC SITUATION, THAT FREE LEASE
25 GIVEN TO A.P.L.A., IF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WERE ABLE TO COMPETE



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1 ON THAT ISSUE, THERE IS NO STATEMENT ABOUT THAT. ALSO, THIS IS
2 TAKING A PROPERTY FROM THE KING HARBOR HOSPITAL PRIOR TO ANY
3 DECISION ON WHAT'S GOING ON ON THAT HOSPITAL AND WHAT IF WE
4 NEED THAT PROPERTY AGAIN FOR SOME REASON FOR THE COUNTY? WE
5 ARE GIVING A FREE FIVE-YEAR LEASE TO A.P.L.A. THERE IS NO
6 SPECIFICATION OF LIABILITY, YOU KNOW? WILL THEY BE RESPONSIBLE
7 FOR LIABILITY AND SO ON? I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION
8 PRIOR TO THE DECISION BEING MADE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
9 ATTENTION.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. MATTHIAS?

12

13 **RICHARD MATTHIAS:** YES. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
14 RICH MATTHIAS. I'M HERE WITH JEFF BAILEY, OUR DIRECTOR OF
15 CLIENT SERVICES, JUST TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE
16 REGARDING THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM. OTHERWISE, WE ARE GRATEFUL
17 FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND IT'S
22 VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO UTILIZE THIS PROPERTY. A DENTAL
23 CLINIC IS SOMETHING THAT IS JUST ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL SO FIVE
24 YEARS, IF, FOR ANY REASON THERE IS A NEED FOR THE COUNTY TO
25 HAVE IT BACK IN FIVE YEARS, IT WOULD BE BACK BUT CERTAINLY ANY



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1 COUNTY USE COULD BE PLANNED AND IT WOULD TAKE THAT LONG FOR IT
2 ACTUALLY TO COME INTO FRUITION. SO I'M GOING TO MOVE ITEM 26.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. DO YOU WANT TO TAKE UP 57-A? MR.
6 BAXTER IS HERE.

7

8 **RICH MATTHIAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 57-A, MR. BAXTER AND MS. RIVERA.

11

12 **PETER BAXTER:** MERCEDES IS GOING TO SPEAK FIRST.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. BAXTER, GOOD MORNING.

15

16 **PETER BAXTER:** MAY MS. MERCEDES SPEAK FIRST?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CERTAINLY.

19

20 **PETER BAXTER:** GO AHEAD. ALL RIGHT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. INTERPRETER IS COMING.
23 DO YOU WANT TO TRANSLATE, GLORIA? SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL
24 TRANSLATE. SHE'S VERY GOOD AT THIS SIMULTANEOUS
25 INTERPRETATION. MS. RIVERA, WHY DON'T YOU PROCEED.



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2 **MERCEDES RIVERA VIA INTERPRETER:** GOOD DAY. MY NAME IS MERCEDES
3 RIVERA. TODAY, I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
4 IN THE NEWSPAPERS, THERE WAS NINE FIREMEN THAT PASSED AWAY.
5 THE MAIN REASON, I AM A MOTHER OF TWO KIDS. MY SON WANTS TO BE
6 A FIREMAN. ALL THE SYSTEMS ARE CHANGING, AND I'VE BEEN ABLE TO
7 SEE THAT. FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. NOW THE SYSTEM OF THE FIREMAN
8 HAS CHANGED. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THAT IT? THANK YOU. MR.
11 BAXTER.

12

13 **PETER BAXTER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,
14 MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND
15 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. I'M TRYING TO BE ACCURATE. I'M TRYING
16 TO BE HONEST AND WHEN I TRY TO BE ACCURATE AND I TRY TO BE
17 HONEST, I THINK TO MYSELF THREE WORDS: BAFFLED, I'M BAFFLED
18 AND I'M BAFFLED BY STUPIDITY. WALKING INTO A BURNING BUILDING
19 IS NOT SMART, IT'S NOT HEROIC. IT'S STUPID. AND HOW LONG ARE
20 WE GOING TO HAVE TO LISTEN TO CONSTANT HEROICS FOR PEOPLE WHO
21 ARE STUPID? THEY'VE GOT TO BE STUPID BECAUSE OTHERWISE THEY
22 WOULDN'T WALK INTO A BURNING BUILDING. IF A BUILDING IS
23 BURNING, YOU CAN'T WALK INTO IT. YOU'VE GOT TO FIND ANOTHER
24 WAY OF DOING BUSINESS. AND IT'S SO EASY. THIS AUDITORIUM, FOR
25 EXAMPLE. THIS COULD BE FILLED WITH STEAM INSIDE OF SECONDS



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1 AND, AS SOON AS IT IS FILLED WITH STEAM, NOTHING CAN BURN, YET
2 THEY HAVE THIS WAREHOUSE PROBABLY BIGGER THAN THIS AUDITORIUM
3 AND THIS WAREHOUSE, THEY WALK INTO IT BLINDLY. AND THIS IS
4 WHAT MAKES ME SAY TO THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I AM BAFFLED.
5 I'M ABSOLUTELY BAFFLED AND I'M BAFFLED BY THE STUPIDITY OF THE
6 PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS IN THIS COUNTRY. THEY'RE ABSOLUTELY
7 STUPID AND THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT. THEY'RE
8 ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH, ALL OF WHICH IS
9 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRPERSON.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. THE PUBLIC
12 HEARING IS CLOSED. ITEM 57-A IS BEFORE US. I'LL MOVE IT. KNABE
13 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK THEN WE'LL JUST MOVE INTO
16 ITEM 56.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL DO THE SAME--
19 HANDLE IT THE SAME WAY WE HANDLED IT THE LAST TIME, WITH 15-
20 MINUTE INCREMENTS, SO EVERYBODY GETS A CHANCE TO BE HEARD. I
21 THINK IT WORKED WELL LAST TIME. SO-- OH, HOW MANY PEOPLE-- OH
22 MY GOSH.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I KNOW THERE WERE A NUMBER OF MOTIONS. I HAVE A
25 MOTION AS WELL THAT I'D LIKE TO PUT ON THE TABLE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST, BEFORE YOU
3 START, DON, THAT WE HAVE OUR DISCUSSION FIRST. I THOUGHT
4 PEOPLE APPRECIATED THAT LAST TIME BECAUSE THEY GOT TO HEAR
5 WHAT WE'RE GOING TO CONSIDER AND THEN THEY COULD COMMENT ON
6 THAT BEFORE WE ACTUALLY CONSIDER IT. SO IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, NO. I MEAN, THAT'S THE REASON I RAISED THE
9 ISSUE, WE'LL HAVE A REPORT, I GUESS, FROM DR. CHERNOF AND
10 OTHERS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I DID WANT TO PUT A MOTION OUT THERE FOR
15 CONSIDERATION BY ALL OF YOU, BUT ALSO MAYBE GIVE STAFF, AS
16 WELL AS THE PUBLIC, AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE
17 PARTICULAR MOTION.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DR. CHERNOF, WELCOME.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL BRING IN MY MOTION AFTER HIS REPORT.

22

23 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. WITH YOUR
24 INDULGENCE, I'D JUST LIKE TO MAKE A COUPLE COMMENTS ON THE
25 PLAN. IT'S BEEN OUT FOR A FEW DAYS BUT JUST A COUPLE OF



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1 COMMENTS THEN I'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS, IF THAT'S
2 REASONABLE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SURE.

5

6 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** AS YOU ALL KNOW, LAST FRIDAY, MY DEPARTMENT
7 RELEASED AN OVERVIEW OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN SHOULD M.L.K.
8 HARBOR NEED TO CEASE INPATIENT OPERATIONS. LET ME SAY THAT THE
9 DEPARTMENT DOES NOT VIEW CLOSURE OF THE HOSPITAL AND THE
10 IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS CONTINGENCY PLAN AS A PREFERRED
11 OUTCOME. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT RUNNING THE HOSPITAL
12 WITHOUT A BREAK IN SERVICE IS THE BEST SOLUTION BUT ONLY IF
13 THE HOSPITAL CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT IT MEETS NATIONAL STANDARDS.
14 IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, INPATIENT AND EMERGENCY ROOM
15 SERVICES HAVE DECREASED IN AND AROUND SOUTH LOS ANGELES. THIS
16 CONTINGENCY PLAN SEEKS TO LIMIT THE IMPACT OF M.L.K. HARBOR
17 CLOSURE ON SURROUNDING FACILITIES BUT IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO
18 COMPLETELY MITIGATE THE IMPACTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE
19 SURROUNDING EMERGENCY ROOM. THE PLAN CLEARLY INTENDS TO
20 OPERATE ON TWO CONCURRENT TRACKS. THE FIRST IS IN THE
21 IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF SERVICES AND THE SECOND IS A LONGER
22 TERM PLAN, WHICH ANTICIPATES CONDUCTING AN EXPEDITED REQUEST
23 FOR QUALIFIED OPERATORS...

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD YOU TURN YOUR MICROPHONE UP, BRUCE?



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2 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES, OF COURSE, SUPERVISOR. TO LOOK FOR
3 QUALIFIED OPERATORS TO REOPEN AND OPERATE THE HOSPITAL. KEY
4 ELEMENTS OF THE IMMEDIATE TRACK, JUST TO REVIEW THEM BRIEFLY,
5 WOULD BE TO TRY TO PRESERVE THE LICENSE, TO GO THROUGH THE
6 PROCESS OF WORKING WITH THE STATE TO HAVE IT SUSPENDED, IF WE
7 NEEDED TO CROSS THAT BRIDGE. THAT INPATIENT SERVICES AT M.L.K.
8 HARBOR WOULD BE PROVIDED AT OTHER D.H.S. HOSPITALS,
9 PRINCIPALLY HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER, RANCHO LOS AMIGOS
10 AS WELL AS PRIVATE HOSPITALS. INPATIENT SERVICES WOULD, UNDER
11 THIS CONTINGENCY PLAN, BE PHASED OUT AT MARTIN LUTHER KING
12 HARBOR HOSPITAL AS PROMPTLY AS FEASIBLY POSSIBLE IF WE HAD TO
13 IMPLEMENT THE PLAN. THIS WOULD ALSO INCLUDE THE TERMINATION OF
14 EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES AT THE FACILITY. IF THE CONTINGENCY
15 PLAN IS IMPLEMENTED, 9-1-1 TRANSPORTS WOULD THEN NEED TO BE
16 REDIRECTED AWAY FROM THE HOSPITAL. LET ME SAY THAT OUTPATIENT
17 SERVICES WOULD NOT CLOSE AND THE PROPOSAL SPECIFICALLY CALLS
18 OUT THE CONTINUATION OF URGENT CARE, TO BEGIN WITH, AT 16
19 HOURS PER DAY. WE WOULD NEED TO WORK WITH DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
20 RESOURCES AND OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO ADDRESS STAFF ISSUES
21 AND WE WOULD ADDRESS THOSE STAFF ISSUES THROUGH THE NORMAL
22 CIVIL SERVICE PROCESSES. AT THIS POINT, SUPERVISORS, I KNOW A
23 NUMBER OF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THE FINANCIAL IMPACTS. WE ARE
24 WORKING DILIGENTLY ON THOSE NUMBERS BUT IT'S A COMPLICATED
25 ANALYSIS AND WOULD BE BASED, TO A LARGE DEGREE, ON THE FINAL



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1 FOOTPRINT OF THE HOSPITAL ON THE STAFFING BUT WE DO BELIEVE
2 THE CONTINGENCY PLAN CAN BE FUNDED WITHIN THE CURRENT COUNTY
3 COSTS BUDGETED FOR M.L.K. HARBOR HOSPITAL. CONCURRENT WITH
4 THIS TRACK WOULD BE THE SECONDARY TRACK THAT I'VE ALREADY
5 MENTIONED, WHICH WOULD FOCUS ON REOPENING THE FACILITY AS
6 QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THROUGH AN EXPEDITED PUBLIC SOLICITATION
7 TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PRIVATE HOSPITAL OPERATORS WITH THE
8 ABILITY AND INTEREST TO OPERATE M.L.K. HARBOR HOSPITAL. TO
9 ASSIST IN THIS PROCESS, THE COUNTY WILL UTILIZE AN OUTSIDE
10 CONSULTING HEALTHCARE FIRM. THIS SOLICITATION PROCESS IS
11 EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO IDENTIFY, QUALIFY AND
12 PRESENT POTENTIAL OPERATORS TO THE COUNTY FOR CONSIDERATION
13 AND A TOTAL OF ONE YEAR FOR A NEW OPERATOR TO BE IN PLACE.
14 FINALLY IN THE CONTINGENCY PLAN OUTLINES THE TIMEFRAMES TO
15 CONDUCT ALL THE REQUIRED NOTICES, HEARINGS RELATED TO
16 BEILENSONS AND E.M.S. NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING THE E.R. CLOSURE
17 AS WELL. THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS CONTINGENCY PLAN
18 ADDRESSES THE MAJOR CHALLENGES THAT WOULD BE-- THAT WOULD
19 RESULT FROM THE CLOSURE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HARBOR HOSPITAL
20 BUT IT IS ALSO A WORK IN PROGRESS AND WILL EVOLVE WITH INPUT
21 SHOULD WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD AND IMPLEMENT. I'LL BE GLAD TO
22 TAKE YOUR QUESTIONS.
23



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, DOCTOR. WHAT IS THE CAPACITY OF THE
2 SURROUNDING HOSPITALS TO ACCEPT THE ADDITIONAL 9-1-1 PARAMEDIC
3 TRANSPORT SHOULD M.L.K.'S PATIENTS BE DIVERTED?

4

5 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WOULD YOU ANSWER?

6

7 **CAROL MEYER:** THE HOSPITALS AROUND MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL
8 ARE EQUALLY VERY, VERY BUSY EMERGENCY ROOMS. WE HAVE HAD THE
9 CLOSURE OF SEVERAL EMERGENCY ROOMS IN THE NEARBY AREA, R.F.K.
10 MEDICAL CENTER, ELLA STAR MEDICAL CENTER, DANIEL FREEMAN
11 MEDICAL CENTER SO THE RIPPLE EFFECTS OF THESE CLOSURES
12 CONSISTENTLY IMPACT THE ENTIRE AREA OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES. WE
13 BELIEVE THAT, IN AN ORGANIZED METHOD, WE COULD REDIRECT 9-1-1
14 TRAFFIC. IT WILL BE CHALLENGING AND WE WOULD WORK TOGETHER TO
15 MAKE SURE THAT IT HAPPENED IN THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS YOU SUGGEST IS THE L.A.
18 CITY AND COMPTON FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE HOSPITALS PUT ON A
19 ROTATING BASIS FOR THIS TRANSPORT SYSTEM. DOES THE EMERGENCY
20 MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE COMPTON
21 OR L.A. CITY OR ANYONE ELSE TO TRANSPORT PATIENTS TO
22 DESIGNATED-- I MEAN, BECAUSE, IF A ROTATIONAL SYSTEM DOESN'T
23 WORK AND THEY START TO OVERLOAD ONE THEN WE'VE GOT HUGE ISSUES
24 BECAUSE WE ALREADY HAVE, YOU KNOW, A VERY FRAGILE SITUATION
25 OUT THERE IN OUR E.R.S AND, WHILE THE NUMBER ONE CONCERN AT



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1 M.L.K. IS OBVIOUSLY PATIENT SAFETY AND CARE, THE BIG PICTURE
2 HERE, THE BIG PICTURE IS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO THOSE
3 47,000 E.R. VISITS, PARTICULARLY THE 80% OF THOSE THAT ARE
4 WALK-IN KINDS OF PATIENTS? AND THIS DIVERSION PROGRAM, WHEN
5 YOU START TALKING 10, 12,000 DIVERSIONS ANNUALLY ON A VERY
6 FRAGILE SYSTEM TO BEGIN WITH? I'M JUST NOT SURE, DOES THE
7 AGENCY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO WORK THAT ROTATIONAL SYSTEM?

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** YES, WE DO. TREATING PATIENTS IN THE BACK OF AN
10 AMBULANCE IS NOT DEFINITIVE CARE AND THEREFORE WE HAVE TO
11 FIGURE OUT A PLAN WHEREBY WE ARE NOT GOING TO INUNDATE ONE
12 SINGLE HOSPITAL, BUT WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE THE
13 PATIENTS IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE CAN MANAGE, IN EVERY POSSIBLE
14 SAFE WAY, THAT WE CAN DO IT.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT IN A MONITORING OR OVERSIGHT PROCESS, HOW DO
17 YOU CONTROL? I MEAN, HOW DO YOU DIRECT THEM SO THAT THE
18 AMBULANCE DRIVER, THE PARAMEDIC DOESN'T GO TO WHEREVER THEY
19 WANT TO GO, THAT IT GOES TO THE HOSPITAL THAT'S UP ON THE
20 ROTATION?

21

22 **CAROL MEYER:** IN THE URGENT PROCESS THAT WE LAID OUT, THE
23 MEDICAL ALERT CENTER, WHICH IS UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
24 SERVICES E.M.S. AGENCY, WOULD DIRECT EACH AND EVERY 9-1-1 CALL
25 TO THE APPROPRIATE FACILITY BASED ON THE URGENCY OF THE



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1 PATIENT AND BASED ON WHICH HOSPITALS HAVE RECEIVED THE LAST
2 PATIENTS. SO IT WOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE MEDICAL ALERT
3 CENTER ON AN URGENT, UNPLANNED BASIS.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THERE WOULD BE AN ACTIVE TRAINING PROCESS TO
6 MAKE SURE THAT THE THESE DELIVERERS OF THESE PATIENTS PAY
7 ATTENTION TO THAT BECAUSE -- YOU KNOW, MY FEAR HERE IS THAT,
8 AS WE MOVE FORWARD, IF WE DON'T HAVE CLOSURE OR, YOU KNOW, IF
9 SOMETHING GOES THE OTHER WAY, THEY PASS INSPECTION AGAIN, IF
10 WE WERE TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL ULTIMATELY, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
11 SOME VERY SERIOUS E.R. ISSUES HERE. THAT DANIEL FREEMAN
12 CLOSURE WAS HUGE AND I KNOW, AND PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR BURKE
13 AND I, THE 105 CORRIDOR IS GOING TO BE HEAVILY IMPACTED BY
14 THIS CLOSURE. THAT'S HER DISTRICT AND MY DISTRICT, OKAY, AND
15 THOSE ARE HUGE ISSUES OUT THERE. YOU KNOW, WE'RE TALKING TO
16 THE HOSPITALS ALL THE TIME. THEY'RE OVERLOADED. THIS ISN'T AN
17 INSURED OR UNINSURED ISSUE. THIS IS AN ISSUE OF JUST ABSOLUTE
18 CAPACITY.

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, THAT IS PART OF WHY, FOR THE
21 ENTIRE BOARD, THAT IS PART OF WHY THE DEPARTMENT HAS WORKED SO
22 HARD TO MAKE THE CHANGES NECESSARY TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPEN
23 AND MEET NATIONAL STANDARDS BECAUSE I AGREE WITH YOU,
24 SUPERVISOR, IT IS A CHALLENGING TIME FOR EMERGENCY ROOM CARE
25 IN GENERAL AND SPECIFICALLY ALONG THE 105 CORRIDOR. THE E.M.S.



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1 COMMISSION HAS A REALLY FINE TRAINING PROGRAM AND WE WOULD
2 NEED TO, TO YOUR QUESTION DIRECTLY, WE WOULD NEED TO EXTEND IT
3 TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES AND WE WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE
4 PRIVATE HOSPITALS TO IMPLEMENT AS EFFECTIVE A PROGRAM AS
5 POSSIBLE WITH STAFF AS COMPLETELY TRAINED AS POSSIBLE. ONE
6 THING THAT HELPS US TODAY IS THAT WE DID HEAR FROM C.M.S. LATE
7 LAST NIGHT, QUITE LATE IN THE EVENING, THAT THEY HAD COME OUT
8 FOR AN UNANNOUNCED SURVEY YESTERDAY, WHICH THEY COMPLETED IN
9 THE EVENING, WHICH RESULTED IN THE LIFTING OF THE IMMEDIATE
10 JEOPARDY, MEANING THAT THE EMERGENCY ROOM... [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT
13 WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE TWO 2567S THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY
14 PRESENTED TO YOUR BOARD, THEY WERE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY
15 ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES, SHOW THAT THEY WERE IMPLEMENTED AND
16 BEING MONITORED APPROPRIATELY. NOW, THAT'S VERY FOCUSED, VERY
17 NARROW AND IT'S VERY SPECIFIC, BUT IT IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT
18 DIRECTION.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY. I SAID, THAT'S GOOD NEWS. I MEAN, IF
21 WE COULDN'T GET THAT RIGHT, WE ARE IN REAL TROUBLE OUT THERE,
22 BECAUSE IT WAS VERY FOCUSED. IF M.L.K. WERE TO CLOSE, WHAT
23 SERVICES WOULD WE NEED TO PURCHASE FROM PRIVATE HOSPITALS? AND
24 ANY IDEA WHAT THAT WOULD COST?

25



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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, I THINK THE PLAN LAYS
2 OUT, AND CAROL MEYER CAN HELP ME WITH THE DETAILS, THE PLAN
3 LAYS OUT THE PROCESS OF TRANSITIONING FROM HAVING BEDS IN THE
4 COMMUNITY TO WORKING WITH THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS NEARBY, AS
5 WELL AS RAMPING UP OUR OWN COUNTY HOSPITALS. SO WE WOULD BE
6 PURCHASING, ON A TIME LIMITED BASIS, I BELIEVE, A NUMBER OF
7 PRIVATE SECTOR BEDS MUCH THE WAY WE'VE BEEN DOING CURRENTLY
8 UNDER METROCARE. ON ANY GIVEN DAY, WE HAVE AROUND 10 TO A
9 DOZEN PATIENTS WHERE THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND NEARBY HOSPITALS
10 HAS STEPPED UP AND PROVIDED INPATIENT CARE FOR OUR PATIENTS
11 WHERE WE DO NOT HAVE A BED AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HARBOR
12 HOSPITAL. WE WOULD EXPAND THAT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE BEDS IN
13 CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE WE HAD DIRECTED AN AMBULANCE BUT
14 COULD NOT MOVE THAT PATIENT TO ONE OF OUR COUNTY HOSPITALS
15 AFTER BEING SEEN IN A PRIVATE SECTOR HOSPITAL. CAROL, ANYTHING
16 ELSE? THOSE ARE THE KEY POINTS, SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** ANY IDEA WHAT THAT WOULD COST?

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** AT THIS POINT, SUPERVISOR, WE ARE STILL
21 MODELING THAT AND I WILL NEED TO GET BACK TO YOU WITH THAT
22 INFORMATION.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I GUESS, OVERALL, AND I'M JUST GOING TO PUT
25 A MOTION OUT HERE WITHIN THE FRAME THAT I HAVE HERE, THE FEW



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1 MINUTES BUT I'M NOT ADVOCATING IN ANY WAY THAT IMMEDIATE
2 ACTION SHOULD BE AVOIDED BUT I THINK I'M GOING TO HAVE MY
3 STAFF PASS OUT THE MOTION, THAT YOUR CONTINGENCY PLAN, YOU
4 KNOW, THOSE PORTIONS THAT CAN BE DONE SAFELY, SHOULD BEGIN
5 IMMEDIATELY. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE DIVERSION OF 9-1-1
6 PARAMEDIC TRANSPORT PATIENTS TO SURROUNDING EMERGENCY ROOMS
7 WHENEVER THAT MAY BE SAFE. WE SHOULD ALSO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN
8 THE STEPS NECESSARY TO OPEN ADDITIONAL I.C. AND MEDICAL-
9 SURGICAL BEDS AT RANCHO AND HARBOR-U.C.L.A. AND TO START
10 NEGOTIATING TERMS FOR THE ADDITIONAL PURCHASE OF SERVICES FROM
11 THOSE HOSPITALS, SURROUNDING HOSPITALS. WHAT WE SHOULD NOT DO
12 TODAY, I BELIEVE, IS TO VOTE IMMEDIATELY TO ELIMINATE HOSPITAL
13 SERVICES AT M.L.K. HARBOR. THIS CONSIDERATION SHOULD SERVE AT
14 SOME POINT, MAYBE IN THREE WEEKS WHEN WE HAVE BEFORE US AN
15 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, BECAUSE, AGAIN, YOU'RE STILL MODELING, AS
16 WE KNOW, WHICH WOULD DETAIL THE AVAILABILITY OF ALTERNATE
17 SERVICE SITES AND IMPACT ANALYSIS WHICH SHOW US WHETHER THE
18 COMMUNITY'S EMERGENCY CARE AND HOSPITAL CAN SAFELY ABSORB THE
19 M.L.K.-HARBOR'S WORKLOAD. I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT I SAY, THE BIG
20 PICTURE HERE, IN ADDITION TO REGULAR PATIENT CARE IS 47,000
21 E.R. VISITS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GO SOME PLACE. THE
22 CONTINGENCY PLAN COULD OUTLINE, YOU KNOW, WE NEED TO HAVE THE
23 SPECIFICS OF THAT BEFORE I WOULD BE COMFORTABLE IN SUPPORTING
24 CLOSURE. SO I WOULD THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS APPROVE THE FOLLOWING: THAT WE AUTHORIZE AND



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1 INSTRUCT THE C.A.O. AND D.H.S. TO IMMEDIATELY ACTIVATE THESE
2 PARTS OF THE D.H.S. CONTINGENCY PLAN OUTLINE WHICH WILL SERVE
3 TO SAFELY REDUCE THE PATIENT LOAD IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT
4 AT M.L.K. HARBOR. THAT WOULD INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE
5 DIVERSION AS WE MENTIONED IN A MANNER THAT THE COUNTY'S
6 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AGENCY DEEMS TO BE SAFE. 2, REQUEST
7 THAT THE C.A.O., IN CONSULTATION WITH D.H.S., RETURN IN THREE
8 WEEKS WITH A DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, TIMETABLE AND
9 IMPACT ANALYSIS TO DISCONTINUE HOSPITAL SERVICES AT THE
10 CENTER. ALSO INSTRUCT, 3, TO INSTRUCT THE C.A.O. TO
11 IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY AND CONTRACT WITH INDEPENDENT HEALTH
12 PLANNING SPECIALISTS TO REVIEW AND CONSULT WITH D.H.S. ON THE
13 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, TIMETABLE AND IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TO
14 PROVIDE THE BOARD AND C.A.O. WITH AN EXPERT SECOND OPINION ON
15 THE FEASIBILITY AND SAFETY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. FOUR,
16 INSTRUCT THE C.A.O. TO PROVIDE A FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE
17 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND LIST AN ASSESSMENT OF THE OPTIONS
18 AVAILABLE TO BEST REESTABLISH HOSPITAL SERVICES AT M.L.K.
19 HARBOR TO PRIVATELY CONTRACTED OPERATIONS, SALE OR TRANSFER OF
20 THIS FACILITY. FIVE, INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE
21 BOARD TO PLACE ON OUR JULY 17TH AGENDA AS A SET ITEM THE
22 CONSIDERATION OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, THE IMPACT
23 ANALYSIS, FINANCIAL ANALYSIS, ALL THESE THAT ARE GOING ON OUT
24 THERE AND I WOULD PUT THAT ON THE TABLE BECAUSE I KNOW THERE
25 ARE OTHER MOTIONS AVAILABLE. IT WAS GOOD NEWS TO HEAR THAT THE



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1 IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY HAS BEEN LIFTED ON A VERY FOCUSED
2 PRESENTATION BUT I THINK WE ALL KNOW ON THE DIFFICULTY OF THE
3 DAYS AHEAD AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DAYS AHEAD. AND, AGAIN,
4 OUR NUMBER ONE RESPONSIBILITY IS PATIENT CARE, BUT THIS
5 POTENTIAL IMPACT, THE 47,000 E.R. VISITS, I CAN'T EMPHASIZE
6 THAT ENOUGH, COULD HAVE AN EVEN MORE DAMAGING IMPACT THAN ON A
7 HOSPITAL WITH PROBLEMS FROM TIME TO TIME AND-- BECAUSE THIS
8 SYSTEM IS OVERLOADED. I MEAN, OUT THERE AND PARTICULARLY THAT
9 105 CORRIDOR AND THAT LAST DISCONTINUATION OF E.R. SERVICES AT
10 DANIEL FREEMAN. I MEAN, IT IMPACTED KING AND EVERYTHING ELSE
11 SO YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT THIS WILL DO ON A SYSTEM THAT'S SO
12 VERY FRAGILE RIGHT NOW. THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS FOR RIGHT NOW
13 AND...

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIR?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE SOME AMENDMENTS I'D LIKE TO ASK MR. KNABE
20 TO CONSIDER. FIRST OF ALL, ON ITEM 2, WHERE YOU INDICATE TO
21 REQUEST THE C.A.O., IN CONSULTATION WITH D.H.S., TO RETURN IN
22 THREE WEEKS WITH A DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, TIMETABLE AND
23 IMPACT ANALYSIS TO DISCONTINUE HOSPITAL SERVICES AT M.L.K.
24 HARBOR MEDICAL CENTER. I WOULD ADD, SHOULD THE HOSPITAL FAIL



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1 TO MEET C.M.S. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION AFTER THE
2 CONCLUSION OF THE SURVEY BY C.M.S. I WOULD ALSO...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD ACCEPT THAT.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. YOU WOULD ACCEPT THAT? I WOULD-- I THINK
7 IT'S ALSO VERY IMPORTANT TO ALSO ADD THAT WE WOULD DIRECT THE
8 DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD, TO DO EVERYTHING
9 NECESSARY TO MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS OF C.M.S. AND THE STATE
10 OF CALIFORNIA TO MAINTAIN THE LICENSE. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** AND, JUST AS A MATTER OF CLARIFICATION, I THINK IT
13 WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT IF WE WOULD SAY IT IS NOT THE INTENT
14 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL PRIOR TO THE
15 COMPLETION OF THE C.M.S. SURVEY AND... [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ...IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THESE...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. SUPERVISOR BURKE, I HAVE NO-- I MEAN, I JUST
20 ASSUME THAT'S A GIVEN. WE ARE AT SUCH A POINT IN TIME AND SO
21 CLOSE TO THAT SURVEY THAT THAT'S A GIVEN. IF YOU WANT TO
22 SPECIFICALLY ADD IT IN THERE, I MEAN, I HOPE THEY'RE MOVING
23 FORWARD ON THAT, YOU KNOW, I MEAN, THE CONCERNS RAISED HERE
24 RECENTLY WITH THAT PREVIOUS CASE, YOU KNOW, I THOUGHT THAT WAS
25 A GIVEN, TOO, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, SO I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM



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1 ADDING THAT AT ALL, BECAUSE, I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE DOING
2 THAT'S WHAT THEY SHOULD BE DOING. THAT'S WHAT THEY SHOULD HAVE
3 BEEN DOING.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, SEE, I THINK THERE'S BEEN A MIXED MESSAGE
6 THAT'S GONE OUT AND THE MESSAGE THAT HAS BEEN RELAYED TO MANY
7 PEOPLE IS THAT WE'RE TELLING OUR DEPARTMENT TO FORGET WHAT
8 THEY'RE DOING NOW, NOT TO TRY TO IMPROVE, NOT TO TRY TO
9 PROVIDE SERVICES AT ALL BUT RATHER DISMANTLE AND THAT IS THE
10 IMPRESSION THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN. I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT,
11 ACTUALLY, I RECEIVED MESSAGES WHERE THEY SAID TO ME, "FOUR
12 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE GOING TO VOTE TO
13 IMMEDIATELY CLOSE MARTIN LUTHER KING HARBOR HOSPITAL ON
14 TUESDAY" AND THAT WAS THE KIND OF ATTEMPTED MESSAGE THAT WAS
15 GOING OUT TO THE PUBLIC AND IT CERTAINLY WENT TO SOME OF US.
16 IT WENT TO ME. AND, OF COURSE, I DON'T THINK I NEED TO REALLY
17 SAY THIS BUT I WILL. I DON'T FEEL A RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND
18 TO THAT KIND OF COMMENT. MY FEELING IS I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY
19 RIGHT IN THIS OFFICE, IN THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO PRESENT
20 IDEAS TO CARRY OUT WHATEVER I BELIEVE IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS
21 OF MY CONSTITUENCY. I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT PEOPLE
22 IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR, TO DO
23 WHATEVER IS NECESSARY FOR ME TO MAINTAIN HEALTH SERVICES FOR
24 THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND TO THE PRESIDENT, IF
25 NECESSARY. AND I HAVE DONE THOSE THINGS, AND I WILL CONTINUE



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1 TO DO THAT. BUT I WENT OUT TO MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL LAST
2 WEEK AND YOU KNOW, THEY-- I SAID, "DO YOU KNOW, WITH ALL OF
3 THESE THINGS I'VE READ, I WOULD THINK THERE WOULDN'T BE A
4 PERSON SITTING IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM." WELL, THEY WERE SITTING
5 THERE, AND I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU, "HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE SEEN IN
6 THAT EMERGENCY ROOM ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY?"

7

8 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFIC
9 NUMBERS WITH ME ON ANY GIVEN DAY IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM ALONE,
10 JUST THE EMERGENCY ROOM. WE SEE APPROXIMATELY 100 PATIENTS A
11 DAY.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WHEN I WAS THERE, NOT ONLY WERE THERE PEOPLE
14 IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM, I WENT INTO THE ACTUAL-- I DON'T MEAN
15 WAITING ROOM. I WENT INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM. I DON'T KNOW
16 WHETHER THAT'S A VIOLATION OF H.I.P.A.A. OR NOT BUT I HAD
17 PERMISSION. SO I WENT INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND I WAS TOLD
18 THAT THERE WERE 27 BEDS AND 32 PATIENTS WAITING FOR THOSE
19 BEDS. TO ME, THIS IS A CRUCIAL PROBLEM AND IT'S AN ISSUE THAT
20 HAS TO BE ADDRESSED. I ALSO WAS TOLD THAT, THE PRIOR WEEK, A
21 PERSON WAS BROUGHT THERE BY THE PARAMEDICS THAT WAS A GUNSHOT
22 WOUND. AND I SAID TO THEM, "YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BRING
23 PEOPLE HERE," AND THEY SAID THE PARAMEDICS HAD SAID TO THE
24 EMERGENCY ROOM, "OTHER HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY ROOMS WERE ON
25 DIVERSION." SO MY QUESTION TO YOU IS, DO YOU HAVE THE FIGURES



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1 AND NUMBER ON DIVERSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN THE
2 LAST FIVE DAYS?

3

4 **CAROL MEYER:** IN GENERAL, M.L.K.-HARBOR HAS NOT USED DIVERSION
5 HEAVILY OVER THE TIME THAT IT HAS WORKED TO REPAIR AND RESOLVE
6 THIS ISSUES. IN THE SYSTEM ACROSS THE BOARD AT ANY POINT IN
7 TIME, ABOUT 15% OF THE HOSPITALS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARE ON
8 DIVERSION, SO IT VARIES AND, EVERY TIME A HOSPITAL GOES ON
9 DIVERSION, IT HAS TO STAY OPEN FOR 15 MINUTES. SO DIVERSION IS
10 AN ONGOING CONTINUAL PROCESS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE REALLY HAVE TO FACE.
13 IF, IN FACT, OTHER HOSPITALS ARE ON DIVERSION, APPARENTLY
14 PEOPLE ARE BEING BROUGHT THERE BY THE PARAMEDICS. AND THIS IS
15 SOMETHING THAT, IN LOOKING AT-- AND LET ME SAY, I'M NOT, YOU
16 KNOW, A PERSON WHO KEEPS BLINDERS ON. I AM A REALIST, YOU
17 KNOW, AND I UNDERSTAND HOW SOME PEOPLE ARE VERY CONCERNED AND
18 ARE CRITICAL OF THE HOSPITAL, WITH GOOD REASON. BELIEVE ME, I
19 WAS JUST AS DISTURBED BY WHAT HAPPENED TO MRS. RODRIGUEZ AS
20 ANYONE, JUST AS DISTURBED, BUT THEN I ALSO REALIZE THAT YOU
21 HAVE PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO DON'T HAVE A CAR, WHO DON'T HAVE
22 TAXI FARE AND WHEN YOU SAY, "GO TO RANCHO," I DON'T KNOW HOW
23 THEY'RE GOING TO GET THERE AND WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT SOMEONE
24 WITH A EARACHE TO GO TO URGENT CARE, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT
25 SOMEONE WHO HAS A MINOR ISSUE. NOW, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, WHEN



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1 YOUR CHILD HAS A BROKEN LEG, TO YOU, THAT'S MAJOR, IT'S NOT
2 MINOR. AND, ULTIMATELY, PROBABLY MOST OF THOSE THINGS WOULD BE
3 TREATED BY HARBOR UNDER THE PRESENT SITUATION. BUT, YOU KNOW,
4 I JUST WONDER, WHAT DOES A PARENT DO WHO LIVES IN THOSE AREAS,
5 WHO DOESN'T HAVE TAXI FARE, WHO DOESN'T HAVE A CAR, WHO CAN'T
6 FIND A FRIEND TO DRIVE THEM? AND IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR THEM
7 SOMETIME TO EVEN GET TO M.L.K.-HARBOR. BUT TO SAY THAT THEY'RE
8 GOING TO HAVE TO TRAVEL TO RANCHO OR TO HARBOR AND PEOPLE SAY,
9 "WELL, IT'S ONLY 10 MILES." YOU KNOW, 10 MILES, WHEN YOU DON'T
10 HAVE A CAR OR A TAXI FARE, IS FOREVER. AND THESE ARE ISSUES WE
11 HAVE TO FACE. AND I'M VERY, VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS. I KNOW
12 WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS TOP-NOTCH MEDICAL CARE AND
13 WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE OF THAT BUT I JUST WANT TO BE SURE THAT
14 WE ALSO ARE NOT WILLING TO JUST SAY, "WELL, YOU KNOW, THOSE
15 FOLKS OUT THERE, THEY DON'T NEED ANYTHING NEARBY, THEY CAN GET
16 TO THE CLOSEST PLACE SOMEHOW." AND THAT'S, TO ME, WHAT-- IT'S
17 A CALLOUSED APPROACH TO PEOPLE, YOU KNOW? AND I DON'T CARE IF
18 I'M THE ONLY PERSON IN THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE ONLY
19 PERSON IN L.A. COUNTY WHO IS GOING TO TAKE THAT POSITION.
20 SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE A POSITION THAT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
21 COUNTY, WHO ARE POOR, WHO ARE UNINSURED, HAVE MEDICAL CARE.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MRS. BURKE, THAT'S WHY-- CAN I JUST COMMENT?
24 BECAUSE SHE MADE ON MY MOTION.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** VERY BRIEFLY.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S EXACTLY THE PURPOSE OF MY MOTION. BECAUSE
4 OF THAT CONCERN, BECAUSE OF 47,000 E.R. VISITS, 80% OF THOSE
5 ARE WALK-IN, THAT WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH. THAT'S WHAT
6 I'M TRYING TO ADDRESS THROUGH MY MOTION, SO I AGREE WITH YOU,
7 I HAVE NO PROBLEMS TO YOUR AMENDMENTS.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. DR. CHERNOF, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
14 THE CONTINGENCY PLAN. I THOUGHT IT WAS VERY HELPFUL. IT
15 REALLY-- IT OUTLINES FOR US WHAT WE NEED TO DO AND HOW WE NEED
16 TO DO IT. LET ME ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS BECAUSE IT WAS VERY
17 ENLIGHTENING. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS TRUE IS
18 THAT NO ONE REALLY, THAT IS, THE GENERAL PUBLIC, DOESN'T
19 UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS AS WE GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS,
20 INCLUDING THIS BOARD. ON THE ISSUE OF WHAT IS A CLOSE. IT IS
21 NOT LIKE WE SHUT THE DOOR THAT DAY. THERE IS A STATE LAW. WHAT
22 IS THE STATE LAW THAT SAYS AND WHAT IS ITS REQUIREMENTS?

23

24 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I'D ACTUALLY LIKE COUNSEL TO ANSWER THAT
25 QUESTION FOR YOU DIRECTLY, SUPERVISOR.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SURE.

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4 **LEELA KAPUR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I BELIEVE YOU'RE REFERRING TO
5 TWO DIFFERENT STATE LAWS. FIRST OF ALL, THERE IS A REQUIREMENT
6 UNDER STATE LAW THAT, IF YOU ARE CLOSING OR REDUCING SERVICES
7 IN AN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT, YOU NEED TO GIVE A 90-DAY NOTICE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, SLOW DOWN. A 90-DAY NOTICE?

10

11 **LEELA KAPUR:** A 90-DAY NOTICE FOR THE EMERGENCY ROOM SERVICES.
12 THAT NOTICE GOES TO THE STATE AND TO THE LOCAL E.M.S. AGENCY.
13 I BELIEVE IT'S WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THAT NOTICE, A HEARING IS
14 HELD BY THE LOCAL E.M.S. AGENCY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT, LET ME UNDERSTAND. 90 DAYS, YOU GIVE
17 NOTICE AND, AFTER 90 DAYS, YOU HAVE 60 DAYS OR FROM THE DAY
18 THAT YOU GIVE NOTICE?

19

20 **LEELA KAPUR:** I'M SORRY. YOU GIVE NOTICE THAT, IN 90 DAYS, YOU
21 INTEND TO CLOSE YOUR EMERGENCY ROOM. WITHIN THAT 90-DAY
22 PERIOD, WITHIN THE FIRST 60 DAYS OF THAT 90-DAY PERIOD, THE
23 LOCAL E.M.S. AGENCY CONDUCTS WHAT THEY CALL AN IMPACT HEARING
24 TO DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF THE CLOSURE ON THE COMMUNITY. THEY



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1 ISSUE AN IMPACT REPORT AND THAT REPORT IS SUBMITTED TO THE
2 STATE FOR ITS INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** NOW, IS THAT ALSO TRUE, IF THE STATE ITSELF COMES
5 IN AND CLOSES US?

6

7 **LEELA KAPUR:** IT IS OUR OPINION, IF THE STATE WERE TO SUSPEND
8 OR REVOKE THE LICENSE, THEREFORE PRECLUDING YOU FROM PROVIDING
9 SERVICES, THAT REQUIREMENT WOULD NOT BE IN PLACE.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WOULD NOT?

12

13 **LEELA KAPUR:** IT WOULD NOT BECAUSE THE YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED,
14 ONCE THE STATE REVOKES YOUR LICENSE, TO PROVIDE SERVICES, SO
15 THERE WOULD BE NO TIME IN WHICH YOU COULD MEET THE 90-DAY
16 REQUIREMENT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF THEY CLOSED US DOWN, WE WOULDN'T HAVE THE
19 90 DAYS OR THE 90 OR THE NOTIFICATION AND THAT YOU JUST WOULD
20 PHYSICALLY CLOSE?

21

22 **LEELA KAPUR:** YOU WOULD PHYSICALLY CLOSE IT. I ASSUME THAT THE
23 STATE WOULD WORK WITH YOU TO TRY TO PROVIDE YOU SOME
24 TIMEFRAME, A COUPLE OF DAYS, IN ORDER TO TRANSITION DOWN IN A



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1 SAFE WAY BUT THE 90-DAY REQUIREMENT WOULD NOT, IN OUR
2 POSITION, WOULD NOT COME INTO PLAY.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN THE CLOSURES THAT WE HAVE HAD OF EMERGENCY
5 ROOMS, I KNOW THAT THE-- WAS IT THE FREEMAN HOSPITAL IN THE
6 SAME AREA, THAT WENT THROUGH THE 90-DAY PROCESS BECAUSE IT WAS
7 A NOTICED PROCESS, CORRECT?

8

9 **LEELA KAPUR:** THAT WENT THROUGH THE 90-DAY PROCESS. THERE WAS A
10 LITTLE GLITCH IN THEIR PROCESS. THEY ORIGINALLY, MY
11 RECOLLECTION IS, DID NOT GIVE THE 90 DAYS BUT THEY HAVE A
12 DIFFERENT ISSUE BECAUSE THEY WERE UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE
13 ATTORNEY GENERAL DUE TO THEIR NONPROFIT STATUS. ULTIMATELY,
14 THEY COMPLETED THE 90-DAY PROCESS BEFORE THEY CLOSED.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I SEE. NOW, EAST L.A. STAR, HOW DID THEY-- THEY
17 JUST CLOSED. DID THEY GO THROUGH NOTIFICATION?

18

19 **CAROL MEYER:** IT WAS A FINANCIAL ISSUE. THEY WENT INTO
20 BANKRUPTCY.

21

22 **LEELA KAPUR:** EAST L.A. STAR WAS A HOSPITAL THAT HAD A
23 FINANCIAL ISSUE. THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO MAKE PAYROLL AND THEY
24 WENT INTO BANKRUPTCY AND SO, BASED ON THAT REASON, THEY CLOSED
25 WITHOUT THE HEARING AND NOTIFICATION.



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2 SUP. MOLINA: AND CAN THEY DO THAT?

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4 LEELA KAPUR: YES.

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6 SUP. MOLINA: THEY CAN?

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8 LEELA KAPUR: YES, THE LAW ALLOWS IT.

9

10 SUP. MOLINA: SO IF YOU'RE BANKRUPT, YOU CAN CLOSE THAT DAY?

11

12 LEELA KAPUR: YES.

13

14 SUP. MOLINA: ALL RIGHT. SO THE 90-DAY PROCESS IS BASICALLY A
15 PROCESS THAT IS STARTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF ANY
16 HOSPITAL. IT IS A PROCESS THAT BEGINS THE NOTIFICATION
17 PROCESS, CORRECT?

18

19 LEELA KAPUR: CORRECT.

20

21 SUP. MOLINA: ALL RIGHT. NOW, WITHIN THAT PROCESS, WHAT OTHER
22 RESPONSIBILITIES ARE THERE TO THE PUBLIC BESIDES-- IN THE
23 HEARING, IS-- THERE HAS TO BE A PLAN THAT IS SUBMITTED? IS IT
24 SUBMITTED TO THE STATE? WHO IS IT SUBMITTED TO?

25



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1 **LEELA KAPUR:** CAROL CAN PROBABLY SPEAK TO THE HEARINGS BECAUSE
2 SHE HAS PROBABLY ATTENDED THEM BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT
3 WHAT IS PRESENTED IS AN EVALUATION ON THE IMPACT OF THE
4 CLOSURE ON THE COMMUNITY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** IS THAT SUBMITTED, BY, LIKE, THE HOSPITAL ITSELF
7 TO THE STATE? WHO IS IT SUBMITTED TO?

8

9 **LEELA KAPUR:** IT IS SUBMITTED TO THE HEARING BODY, WHICH IS A
10 LOCAL E.M.S. AGENCY. THEY PREPARE A REPORT BASED ON ALL THE
11 TESTIMONY THEY RECEIVE...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WE ARE THE LOCAL E.M.S. AGENCY, CORRECT?

14

15 **LEELA KAPUR:** RIGHT. THE E.M.S. AGENCY SUBMITS ALL OF THE DATA
16 ABOUT THE SURROUNDING AREA TO THE E.M.S. COMMISSION FOR
17 CONSIDERATION AND THEN THIS HEARING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AND
18 SO NOT ONLY DO, YOU KNOW, LEGISLATORS SPEAK AT THESE
19 HISTORICALLY BUT ALSO PUBLIC MEMBERS, THE E.M.S. PROVIDERS
20 THAT WILL HAVE TO TRANSPORT PATIENTS...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND ALL OF THAT BUT DO THEY APPROVE THE
23 PLAN? DO THEY REVIEW THE PLAN? OR DO THEY JUST LOOK AT THE
24 PLAN AND SAY, OKAY?

25



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1 **LEELA KAPUR:** THEY MAKE A DECISION AS NOT ABOUT THE PLAN, THEY
2 MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHETHER THE CLOSURE OF THE EMERGENCY
3 ROOM WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE SYSTEM. THAT'S THE--
4 THAT IS THE STATEMENT THAT THEY MAKE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN ON THE FREEMAN CLOSING, IT MUST HAVE MADE
7 A STATEMENT LIKE THAT. IT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE
8 COMMUNITY.

9

10 **LEELA KAPUR:** 10 HOSPITALS THAT HAVE CLOSED HAVE BEEN FOUND TO
11 HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE SYSTEM. WE HAVE SENT THAT TO THE
12 STATE.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHAT DO THEY DO WITH IT?

15

16 **LEELA KAPUR:** WE HAVE NOT EVEN RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF IT.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE'VE NOT EVEN RECEIVED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT?

19

20 **LEELA KAPUR:** OF RECEIVING, NO.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A REGION, OBVIOUSLY, IN
23 TREMENDOUS DISTRESS, NOT ONLY AN AREA BUT A REGION IN
24 TREMENDOUS DISTRESS IN THAT REGARD. LET ME ASK ANOTHER
25 QUESTION ABOUT PROCESS. SO, IN AN EFFORT TO DIVERT, YOU ALSO



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1 NEED TO HAVE A PLAN, RIGHT? BECAUSE, IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PLAN,
2 LET ME UNDERSTAND THE AMBULANCE RESPONSIBILITIES. THEY JUST GO
3 WHEREVER THERE'S AN OPEN DOOR, IS THAT CORRECT? OR DO THEY
4 HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK IN WITH YOU ALL TO FIND OUT
5 WHAT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AS FAR AS DIVERSIONS, PLANNED
6 OR UNPLANNED? WHAT IS THE PROCESS THERE?

7

8 **LEELA KAPUR:** WELL, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, THE SYSTEM IS VERY
9 COMPLICATED. THERE ARE MANY SPECIALTY CENTERS, SO THE
10 PARAMEDICS HAVE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THE RULES OF THE SPECIALTY
11 CENTERS. BUT, IN ESSENCE, THEY GO TO THE CLOSEST RECEIVING
12 FACILITY. IF THAT RECEIVING FACILITY IS ON DIVERSION OR DOES
13 NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC SPECIALTY AREA, THEY GO TO THE NEXT
14 RECEIVING.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT USUALLY THERE IS A MECHANISM THAT THEY GO
17 THROUGH, RIGHT? WHEN AN AMBULANCE IS COMING IN, THEY'RE
18 CALLING AHEAD.

19

20 **LEELA KAPUR:** THEY CALL THE BASE HOSPITAL. THERE ARE 20
21 HOSPITALS THAT GIVE DIRECTIONS TO THE PARAMEDICS OVER THE
22 RADIO.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** L.A. COUNTY U.S.C., I KNOW, IS ONE OF THOSE BASE
25 HOSPITALS.



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2 **LEELA KAPUR:** IS ONE OF THEM, THAT'S CORRECT.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO THEY GIVE DIRECTION THERE AND TELLING YOU,
5 DON'T GO THERE, WE KNOW THAT'S ON DIVERSION, THAT'S NOT GOING
6 TO BE AVAILABLE THERE, SO THERE IS SOME MANAGING OF THE
7 TRAFFIC, CORRECT?

8

9 **LEELA KAPUR:** YES, THERE IS, THROUGH POLICIES AND THESE SPECIAL
10 BASE HOSPITALS.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO, IN THIS PROCESS OF THIS
13 CONTINGENCY, IT WOULD BE WORTH OUR WHILE BECAUSE ONE THING
14 THAT IT IS TRUE IS THAT, NO MATTER IF THIS BOARD, ALL FIVE OF
15 US VOTED TO CLOSE THIS HOSPITAL, IF WE VOTED THAT TODAY, THAT
16 COULD NOT HAPPEN. IT JUST COULDN'T HAPPEN BECAUSE WE HAVE
17 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT WE NEED TO HONOR:
18 NOTIFICATION PROCESSES, PLANS FOR DIVERSION OF AMBULANCES,
19 RESPONSIBILITIES TO WALK-INS, AND ALL OF THOSE ISSUES,
20 CORRECT?

21

22 **LEELA KAPUR:** SIGNAGE HAS TO CHANGE. EVERYTHING.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE HAVE A WHOLE SERIES OF RESPONSIBILITIES
25 THAT, EVEN IF THIS BOARD WAS MAKING THE DECISION, IT COULD NOT



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1 CLOSE. THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO COULD CLOSE US AT THIS POINT IN
2 TIME WITHOUT THAT NOTIFICATION IS THE STATE OR THE FEDS,
3 CORRECT? I MEAN, THE FED TAKES AWAY THE MONEY. THE STATE TAKES
4 AWAY THE LICENSE, IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT AND SIGNIFICANT
9 PART OF THIS PLAN IS THAT, AGAIN, THIS BOARD CANNOT CLOSE THIS
10 HOSPITAL WITHOUT AN APPROPRIATE AND RESPONSIBLE PLAN OF
11 ACTION. AND THE REASON THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THAT PLAN OF
12 ACTION, BESIDES THE STATE RESPONSIBILITY, IS THE
13 RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN ISSUE OF SAFETY OF THE PATIENTS THAT WE
14 SERVE. WE'RE NOT BANKRUPT SO WE CAN'T CLAIM THAT AND WE
15 CERTAINLY AREN'T GOING TO BE IRRESPONSIBLE TO THIS COMMUNITY.
16 SO THE ISSUE IS IS THE ISSUE OF PLANNING. IN THE CONTINGENCY
17 PLAN, YOU DID TWO THINGS. YOU SET UP A SET OF SHORT-TERM GOALS
18 OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN AND LONG-TERM GOALS. SO I WANT TO ASK
19 SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT. UNDER THE SHORT-TERM GOALS, YOU
20 WERE TALKING ABOUT, NUMBER ONE, GIVING NOTIFICATION, CARRYING
21 OUT OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE A HEARING. WELL, E.M.S. WILL
22 HAVE A HEARING. BUT ALSO WE WOULD HAVE BEILENSONS, WHICH WOULD
23 BE PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A STATE MANDATE, SO WE WOULD
24 BE CARRYING OUT THAT WORK. YOU WOULD BE DEVELOPING A PLAN FOR
25 CONTINGENCY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THOSE AMBULANCES THAT ARE



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1 COMING INTO THE EMERGENCY ROOM, CORRECT? AND THEN YOU WOULD
2 ALSO BE CREATING A CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR ALL OF THE E.R.
3 VISITS, NOT JUST AMBULANCES, AND THAT IS WHERE YOU SET UP A
4 MECHANISM THAT-- TO CREATE POTENTIALLY SOME BEDS AT RANCHO,
5 ADD SOME ADDITIONAL BEDS AT HARBOR AND LOOK TO NEGOTIATE SOME
6 CONTRACTS WITH SOME OF THE SURROUNDING HOSPITALS THAT MAY HAVE
7 THE CAPACITY TO TAKE SOME OF OUR PATIENTS. ONE OF THE THINGS
8 THAT IS STRIKING TO ME, AND IT WAS IN THE ARTICLE, AGAIN, AT
9 THE "L.A. TIMES," IS THAT THERE'S A DIFFERENCE IN NUMBERS. OUR
10 NUMBERS THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH, FOR THE MOST PART, ARE
11 SOMEWHERE IN THE 48,000 TO 48,000 ANNUAL PATIENT VISITS AND
12 THEY DIVIDE UP WITH 24,000 OR SOME THOUSAND LIKE THAT OUR
13 AMBULANCE AND SO MANY OTHERS ARE WALK-INS AND WHY IS IT THAT
14 THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION LOOKED AT IT AND JUST USED THE 24,000
15 NUMBER? WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE? ARE THEY ONLY LOOKING AT WALK-
16 INS OR ONLY LOOKING AT AMBULANCES?

17

18 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, THAT WOULD BE A QUESTION I
19 WOULD FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
20 ANSWERED THEMSELVES BECAUSE THEY PULLED THEIR DATA. MY
21 ASSUMPTION IS, HAVING LOOKED AT THE DATA, HOWEVER, IS THAT
22 THEY'RE USING A NARROWER DEFINITION.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THEN I WILL ASK THEM WHEN THEY COME
25 UP. I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO DO IT BUT LET ME



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1 FOLLOW UP ON SOME OF THE OTHER PARTS OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN.
2 THE OTHER PORTION OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN IS TO LOOK AT A
3 MECHANISM TO, I GUESS, TRIAGE, IS-- I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE
4 APPROPRIATE WORD, BECAUSE YOU WERE LOOKING AT MAINTAINING THE
5 URGENT CARE FACILITY, RIGHT?

6

7 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHILE IT WOULDN'T BE 24 HOURS, YOU'RE MAINTAINING
10 IT FOR 16 HOURS. IS THAT WHAT WE HAVE IT FOR TODAY?

11

12 **CAROL MEYER:** IT'S 24 RIGHT NOW.

13

14 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CURRENTLY, SUPERVISOR, WE ARE STAFFING AT
15 24.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** CURRENTLY, WE ARE -- FOR THE URGENT CARE?

18

19 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THE URGENT CARE IS STAFFED 24 HOURS A DAY
20 CURRENTLY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN WE WOULD MAINTAIN IT FOR 24 HOURS.

23

24 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR, WE WOULD RECOMMEND IN
25 THE BEGINNING GOING TO A SLIGHTLY SMALLER NUMBER OF HOURS.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY?

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4 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THIS IS AN IMPORTANT POINT, SUPERVISOR.

5 THIS COMMUNITY HAS HAD AN EMERGENCY ROOM FOR A LONG PERIOD OF

6 TIME AND IS USED TO BRINGING PATIENTS, FAMILY MEMBERS,

7 COMMUNITY MEMBERS, IN FOR SERVICES EXPECTING AN EMERGENCY ROOM

8 TO BE THERE. ONE OF THE CRITICAL THINGS ABOUT AN URGENT CARE

9 IS THAT YOU CANNOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, KEEP PEOPLE FOR

10 EXTENDED PERIODS OF TIME, OVER 24 HOURS. YOU NEED TO BE A

11 HOSPITAL TO DO THAT AND I WOULD NOT WANT, IN A TIME OF GREAT

12 TRANSITION AND FRAGILITY, TO BE RUNNING AN URGENT CARE WHERE

13 SOMEBODY MIGHT COME IN WHO IS FAR SICKER THAN CAN BE HANDLED

14 BECAUSE THE COMMUNITY WOULD EXPECT A LEVEL OF SERVICE WE DON'T

15 PROVIDE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE A TIMEFRAME, MR. CHERNOF. THANK

18 YOU. ALL RIGHT. SO THEN I WANT TO UNDERSTAND, WE HAVE A PLAN

19 FOR THE AMBULANCE. AND NOW-- AND WE HAVE A PLAN FOR URGENT

20 CARE. NOW, IF THERE IS A WALK-IN, UNDER THIS CONTINGENCY PLAN

21 THAT IS VERY, VERY SICK, AND NEEDS TO BE TRANSFERRED. IF

22 THEY'RE A WALK-IN, THEY DIDN'T COME IN ON AN AMBULANCE AND

23 THEY ARE SO SICK THAT THEY NEED TO BE TRANSFERRED TO A QUOTE

24 E.R., WHAT IS THE CONTINGENCY THAT YOU HAVE PUT IN PLACE FOR

25 THAT PATIENT?



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2 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, OUR PLAN IS TO CONTINUE TO KEEP
3 THE AMBULANCES WE HAVE ON SITE AND, FINALLY, WHENEVER YOU HAVE
4 A HIGHER LEVEL OF CARE EMERGENCY THAT YOU JUST CAN'T HANDLE,
5 YOU ALWAYS HAVE THE 9-1-1 SYSTEM.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. LET ME UNDERSTAND THAT CORRECTLY BECAUSE
8 I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTOOD THAT. SO, IF SOMEBODY COMES IN, THEY
9 WOULD GO INTO URGENT CARE THAT'S ONLY GOING TO BE AVAILABLE
10 FOR 16 HOURS INITIALLY, RIGHT? I MEAN, BECAUSE WALK-INS ARE
11 STILL GOING TO COME IN.

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CORRECT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF SOMEBODY IS SO SICK, THEY HAVE A VERY HIGH
16 FEVER, WHATEVER THE SYMPTOMS MIGHT BE, OF SOMEBODY WHO NEEDS
17 IMMEDIATE E.R. RESPONSIBILITY, WHAT YOU WOULD DO IS PUT THEM
18 IN AN AMBULANCE AND TRANSPORT THEM, IS THAT CORRECT?

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. AND IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH
23 AMBULANCES FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL, YOU WOULD CALL 9-1-1 AND THEY
24 WOULD SEND AN AMBULANCE?

25



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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** AS THE ABSOLUTELY BACKUP, YES.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO, IN OTHER WORDS, THE CONTINGENCY
4 PLAN HAS TOTALLY PREPARED US FOR ALL OF THOSE CONTINGENCIES
5 FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THOSE PATIENTS?

6

7 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. THEN I WANT TO ASK THE NEXT
10 QUESTION ABOUT THE ISSUE OF THE LICENSE. UNDER A CLOSURE THAT
11 WOULD BE FORCED BY THE STATE, IF THEY CLOSED US, WOULD THEY
12 REVOKE OUR LICENSE?

13

14 **LEELA KAPUR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THE STATE DOESN'T PER SE CLOSE
15 US. WHAT THEY WOULD DO IS THEY WOULD EITHER REVOKE OUR
16 LICENSE, WHICH FORCES US INTO CLOSURE, OR THEY WOULD SUSPEND
17 OUR LICENSE, WHICH WOULD ALSO FORCE US INTO CLOSURE. IT WOULD
18 PRECLUDE US FROM PROVIDING SERVICES ON THAT SITE.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN YOU TELL ME THE DIFFERENCE LEGALLY?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST QUESTION.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP BUT GO AHEAD AND
2 ASK THE LAST QUESTION AND THEN WE'LL GO SECOND ROUND.

3

4 **LEELA KAPUR:** THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION
5 IS REALLY A PROCESS ISSUE. THE STATE, IF IT DETERMINES THAT
6 THE SERVICES BEING PROVIDED ARE JEOPARDIZING THE PUBLIC
7 WELFARE, HAS THE ABILITY TO COME IN AND IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND
8 YOUR LICENSE WITHOUT A HEARING, WITHOUT ANY DUE PROCESS, AND
9 THEY CAN SUSPEND THE LICENSE, IN ESSENCE, EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS
10 THEY GIVE YOU NOTICE OF HAVE AND YOU GET THE DUE PROCESS AFTER
11 THE FACT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST SO THAT I CAN UNDERSTAND, IF THE D.M.V. WERE
14 TO SUSPEND MY LICENSE, THAT MEANS I DON'T GET IT FOR A CERTAIN
15 PERIOD OF TIME BUT THERE'S A PROCESS FOR ME TO EVENTUALLY GO
16 IN AND GET THAT.

17

18 **LEELA KAPUR:** CORRECT. YOU WOULD HAVE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF THEY WERE TO REVOKE MY LICENSE, THAT MEANS I'M
21 NOT ENTITLED TO EVER GET IT AGAIN, IS THAT CORRECT?

22

23 **LEELA KAPUR:** NO, YOU CAN REAPPLY FOR IT. YOU JUST HAVE TO MEET
24 DIFFERENT STANDARDS IN ORDER TO GET IT BACK.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE DIFFERENCE, AGAIN, SUSPENSION AND
2 REVOCATION IS WHAT?

3

4 **LEELA KAPUR:** FOR YOUR PURPOSES, THE REAL DIFFERENCE IS--
5 BETWEEN AN INVOLUNTARY SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION IS
6 INVOLUNTARY SUSPENSION CAN BE DONE IMMEDIATELY AND A
7 REVOCATION HAS A PROCESS THAT'S ATTACHED TO IT.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** SEE, THAT'S THE PART THAT I'M NOT UNDERSTANDING
10 AND I JUST WANT TO GET THIS CLARIFIED. YOU SAID INVOLUNTARY
11 AND VOLUNTARY. IS THERE AN INVOLUNTARY SUSPENSION?

12

13 **LEELA KAPUR:** THERE'S AN INVOLUNTARY SUSPENSION AND A VOLUNTARY
14 SUSPENSION AND THEN THERE'S REVOCATION, WHICH IS...

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO BETWEEN INVOLUNTARY AND VOLUNTARY,
17 WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

18

19 **LEELA KAPUR:** A VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION WOULD BE IF WE AGREED WITH
20 THE STATE, WE ASKED THE STATE TO SUSPEND OUR LICENSE AND THEY
21 AGREED TO DO SO.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND DOES THAT PROVIDE PROTECTIONS, ASSISTANCE OR
24 ANYTHING WITH IT? CAN YOU PUT PARAMETERS...

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1 **LEELA KAPUR:** IT WOULD BE PARAMETERS THAT WE NEGOTIATE WITH THE
2 STATE.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I SEE.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. LET ME ASK A FEW QUESTIONS
7 AND MAKE A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS, FIRST OF ALL, AND I THINK
8 THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF CONVERSATION. I THINK MS. BURKE WAS
9 JUSTIFIED IN MAKING THAT OBSERVATION. I THINK OUR POSITION, AT
10 LEAST MY POSITION HAS BEEN FROM DAY ONE THAT, IF THE HOSPITAL
11 LOSES ITS CONTRACT WITH C.M.S. OR IF THE STATE, OBVIOUSLY,
12 PULLS ITS LICENSE, THE HOSPITAL WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE. THE
13 COROLLARY TO THAT IS THAT, AS LONG AS THE LICENSE IS IN PLACE
14 AND PRIOR TO A RESOLUTION ON THE C.M.S. REVIEW, IT WOULD NOT
15 BE OUR INTENT TO CLOSE IT PRIOR TO THE C.M.S. REVIEW. I DO
16 BELIEVE THAT WE WANT TO SEE THE C.M.S. REVIEW THROUGH. WE'RE
17 ALMOST THERE. I'M NOT OPTIMISTIC. I'M NOT GOING TO BE ANY MORE
18 PESSIMISTIC THAN I'VE ALREADY BEEN ABOUT IT BUT I DO THINK WE
19 HAVE SO MUCH TIME AND SO MUCH MONEY INVESTED IN IT AND SO MUCH
20 INTELLECTUAL ENERGY INVESTED IN IT THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT
21 THE RESULTS ARE. AS I TELL KIDS WHENEVER I GO SPEAK BEFORE
22 SCHOOL-- CLASSROOMS, IS YOU DON'T MAKE A HUNDRED PERCENT OF
23 THE SHOTS YOU DON'T TAKE. SO WE CAN ENSURE THAT THE HOSPITAL
24 CLOSED IF WE JUST PULLED THE PLUG ON THE SURVEY. I DON'T THINK
25 ANYBODY WANTS TO DO THAT. I DO THINK WE HAVE TO BE SOBER,



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1 HOWEVER, ABOUT WHAT THE PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS IN THE SURVEY
2 ARE, NOTWITHSTANDING THE EVENTS OF LAST NIGHT. I DON'T WANT TO
3 DIMINISH IT OR MINIMIZE IT BUT IT'S NOT THAT EARTH SHAKING A
4 DEVELOPMENT. I WOULD HAVE BEEN SURPRISED IF WE HADN'T HAVE
5 GOTTEN TAKEN OFF IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY. IF WE HADN'T HAVE BEEN
6 TAKEN OFF IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY, WE'D BE TALKING ABOUT CLOSING
7 TODAY. SO I THINK THE BIGGEST MOUNTAIN WE HAVE TO CLIMB IS THE
8 ONE IN JULY WHEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMES IN. IT'S
9 CRITICAL, IN MY VIEW, THAT WHATEVER STEPS THE BOARD TAKES IN
10 RESPONDING TO THE C.M.S. REVIEW, WHATEVER THE RESULTS ARE,
11 BOTH THE ONES THAT WE HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH NOW AND THE ONES
12 IN JULY, THAT THEY BE IMPLEMENTED, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S A
13 NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM C.M.S., THAT THEY BE IMPLEMENTED, THE
14 BENEFIT OF AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE A
15 SEAMLESS TRANSITION BETWEEN THE CURRENT FACILITY AND WHATEVER
16 THE REPLACEMENT ARRANGEMENTS ARE, AS CONTEMPLATED BY YOUR
17 REPORT, SO AS NOT TO DESTABILIZE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN THE
18 SOUTH PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND IN THE REST OF THE COUNTY
19 AND IN THE REST OF THE REGION BECAUSE IT WILL HAVE
20 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REST OF THE COUNTY AND EVEN PROBABLY
21 ORANGE COUNTY AND PARTS OF ORANGE COUNTY. SO IT'S CRITICAL
22 THAT ALL OF THE STEPS WE TAKE BE TAKEN DELIBERATELY, THAT WE
23 NOT RUSH AND MAKE A MISTAKE, EITHER A STATUTORY MISTAKE, A
24 PROCEDURAL MISTAKE THAT COULD COST US TIME OR COULD COST US A
25 FORTUNE OF MONEY. AND THAT'S WHY THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS THAT



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1 I POSED TO YOU AND TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL OVER THE WEEKEND,
2 MANY -- SOME OF WHICH INVOLVED THE QUESTIONS THAT MS. MOLINA
3 WAS JUST ASKING ABOUT, VOLUNTARY, INVOLUNTARY SUSPENSION
4 VERSUS REVOCATION AND ALL THAT, I'M STILL NOT SATISFIED THAT
5 WE KNOW ALL OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE VOLUNTARY VERSUS AN
6 INVOLUNTARY SUSPENSION. WHAT OBLIGATIONS DO WE INCUR IF WE
7 CHOOSE TO SUSPEND VERSUS WAIT FOR THEM TO SUSPEND US OR REVOKE
8 US? WE KNOW WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES ARE OF A REVOCATION. NONE OF
9 US WANTS A REVOCATION, NOBODY, BECAUSE IT MEANS THAT THE
10 HOSPITAL ESSENTIALLY HAS TO BE RETROFITTED OR TORN DOWN AND
11 START OVER AND THAT ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN. SO WE WANT A
12 SUSPENSION AS BEST AS POSSIBLE. SO-- BUT I'M STILL NOT CLEAR
13 AND I DIDN'T EXPECT I WOULD BE CLEAR BETWEEN SUNDAY AND
14 TUESDAY, BETWEEN SUNDAY AND TODAY, WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES
15 OF A VOLUNTARY SUSPENSION VERSUS AND INVOLUNTARY SUSPENSION?
16 WHAT IS THE TIMEFRAME? HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE IF, FOR
17 EXAMPLE, WE LOSE THE CONTRACT WITH C.M.S. AND YOU GO TO THE
18 STATE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND SAY YOU DON'T BELIEVE
19 YOU CAN OPERATE THE HOSPITAL SAFELY, AS YOU HAVE SAID YOU
20 WOULD MOST LIKELY DO UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, HOW LONG WOULD
21 IT TAKE AND WHAT WOULD THE CIRCUMSTANCES BE FOR THE REVOCATION
22 OR THE SUSPENSION OF OUR LICENSE? THE LICENSE, YOU BELIEVE,
23 WOULD BE SUSPENDED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. WHAT DOES IMMEDIATELY
24 MEAN? DOES IT MEAN 24 HOURS? 30 DAYS? WHAT KIND OF TRANSITION
25 TIME DO WE HAVE? I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION. I



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1 DON'T THINK-- I'M NOT SURE WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHAT THE
2 ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS ARE. PERHAPS YOU DO BUT WE NEED TO
3 KNOW THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD. IT'S BEEN MY VIEW THAT THE
4 POSITION THE COUNTY SHOULD TAKE IS TO BE PREPARED, TO POSITION
5 ITSELF TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO CLOSURE SHOULD WE
6 LOSE THE CONTRACT. SO, IF WE NEED TO POST HEARING NOTICES, WE
7 POST HEARING NOTICES. IF WE DON'T NEED TO POST HEARING
8 NOTICES, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY NEED TO POST HEARING
9 NOTICES. IT'S NOT CLEAR TO ME AT THIS POINT. IT'S CLEAR THAT
10 WE DON'T NEED TO BE-- TO DO AN E.M.S. HEARING, AN EMERGENCY
11 MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION HEARING, OR A BEILENSEN HEARING IF
12 THE STATE PULLS OR SUSPENDS OUR LICENSE ON THEIR OWN VOLITION.
13 BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT TAKES FOR THE STATE TO PULL THE
14 LICENSE OF THEIR OWN VOLITION. I THOUGHT IT WAS VERY
15 INTERESTING WHEN THE STATE ISSUED ITS LETTER LAST WEEK, THE
16 LETTER WAS A BOMBSHELL BUT THE SPIN THAT THEY PUT ON IT WITH
17 THE PRESS AFTERWARDS WAS, "OH, BUT WE CAN PULL IT BACK AND, IF
18 EVERYTHING GOES WELL, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. EVERYTHING'S GOING
19 TO BE ALL RIGHT." I HEARD THE SECRETARY-- THE DIRECTOR OF
20 HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE STATE ON THE RADIO OVER THE WEEKEND
21 BASICALLY POOH-POOHING THIS THING TO SOME DEGREE. SO I DON'T
22 KNOW WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU. I THINK
23 IT'S A VERY SERIOUS STEP THEY TOOK LAST WEEK. I THINK WE ALL
24 DO AND THAT'S WHAT'S ACCELERATED THIS EFFORT. SO, TO MAKE A
25 LONG STORY SHORT, I THINK MR. KNABE'S MOTION, AND I WANT TO



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1 ADDRESS ONE THING IN IT, REALLY CALLS OUT FOR MORE DETAIL. I
2 WANT TO BE SURE THAT, WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO TO TODAY TO
3 PRESERVE OUR OPTIONS IN AUGUST, BECAUSE THE RESULTS OF THE
4 C.M.S. SURVEY WILL BE DONE IN AUGUST, THAT WE DO THAT TODAY.
5 IF POSTING A 90-DAY NOTICE FOR AN E.M.S. HEARING IS NECESSARY
6 FOR US TO DO TODAY OR IF IT DOESN'T HURT FOR US TO DO IT TODAY
7 IN THE EVENT THAT WE DON'T GET A MANDATORY SUSPENSION, AN
8 INVOLUNTARY SUSPENSION FROM THE STATE AND WE HAVE TO GO ASKING
9 FOR THEM, ASKING FOR THEM TO DO IT, THEN WE OUGHT TO DO THAT
10 TODAY. THE BEILENSON, I THINK, IS A DIFFERENT STORY. I THINK
11 THE BEILENSON IS A 14-DAY NOTICE AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE 90
12 DAYS TO WORRY ABOUT THAT ANYWAY. SO I THINK WE CAN DEAL WITH
13 THAT. SO THAT'S, TO ME, A VERY IMPORTANT THING. BUT I AM NOT
14 SATISFIED, AND I SAY THIS TO ALL OF OUR TEAM HERE, THAT WE
15 KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF ONE ACTION VERSUS
16 ANOTHER. AND I'M NOT SAYING THAT CRITICALLY, I'M JUST SAYING
17 THAT THIS IS ALL COMING AT US SO FAST, I THINK WE NEED TO BE
18 SURE THAT WE DO THIS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME BECAUSE WE'RE NOT
19 GOING TO HAVE A SECOND CHANCE ON THIS ONE AND SO DOING IT
20 RIGHT THE FIRST TIME IS CRITICAL. SO I-- AND THE OTHER THING--
21 WELL, LET ME GO TO DON'S MOTION, IF WE'RE WORKING OFF OF THAT
22 FOR NOW. IN POINT 3 OF YOUR MOTION, DON, YOU SAID, "INSTRUCT
23 THE C.A.O. TO IMMEDIATELY IDENTIFY AND CONTRACT WITH
24 INDEPENDENT HEALTH PLANNING." I WOULD ASK THAT-- AND I HAD
25 DISCUSSED IT WITH YOU AND I THINK YOU WERE OKAY WITH IT, TO



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1 STRIKE THE WORD "INSTRUCT" AND SAY "AUTHORIZE" THE C.A.O. TO,
2 AND THEN STRIKE "IMMEDIATELY" TO IDENTIFY AND CONTRACT WITH
3 INDEPENDENT HEALTH PLANNING SPECIALISTS, IF NECESSARY. THAT
4 WAY, THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY IF THEY THINK IT'S NECESSARY BUT
5 THEY DON'T TAKE THIS ACTION AS A MARCHING ORDER TO GO HIRE A
6 BUNCH OF CONSULTANTS AND I THINK YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THE OTHER THING I WANT TO
11 DO, AND I DIDN'T PUT IT IN WRITING, IS TO ENDORSE, IN
12 PRINCIPLE, THE CONTINGENCY PLAN THAT DR. CHERNOF HAS PUT
13 FORWARD. I THINK WE OUGHT-- AND I WOULD AMEND YOUR MOTION TO
14 SAY THAT, I THINK WE OUGHT TO SAY THAT WE APPROVE OF IT-- WE
15 ENDORSE IT IN PRINCIPLE, THERE ARE MORE DETAILS THAT ARE
16 NECESSARY AND THAT'S CALLED FOR IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION,
17 BUT I THINK THAT THE WORLD SHOULD KNOW, YOU SHOULD KNOW, THE
18 HOSPITAL COUNCIL SHOULD KNOW, THE STAKEHOLDERS SHOULD KNOW
19 THAT, IF WE END UP IN THIS SITUATION -- I CAN'T POSSIBLY HAVE
20 11 MINUTES LEFT. I'M GOING TO BE ACCUSED OF MANIPULATING THE
21 CLOCK. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, THAT'S A PRIVILEGE OF THE CHAIR, HUH?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S NOT A BULOVA WATCH, WE KNOW
2 THAT. IT'S NOT A ROLEX. ALL RIGHT. THAT EVERYBODY KNOW THAT,
3 IN THE EVENT WE LOSE OUR CONTRACT OR IF THE LICENSE IS PULLED,
4 EITHER-- AND THAT INCLUDES, FOR ME, IF WE LOSE THE CONTRACT. I
5 SAID IT LAST WEEK, I'M GOING TO SAY IT AGAIN, IF WE LOSE THE
6 CONTRACT, I AM NOT GOING TO VOTE TO KEEP THIS HOSPITAL OPEN.
7 WE NEED TO HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE. I CANNOT IMAGINE MY EVER
8 VOTING TO KEEP A HOSPITAL OPEN THAT DOESN'T MEET FEDERAL
9 STANDARDS, THAT LOST ITS ACCREDITATION AND THAT MAY OR WILL
10 LOSE ITS LICENSE. I MEAN, IF IT LOSES ITS LICENSE, THERE'S NO
11 ISSUE FOR US. BUT EVEN WITHOUT LOSING THE LICENSE, ALL THE
12 OTHER THINGS ARE BAD ENOUGH. AND IT WILL NOT BE A TRIVIAL
13 DECISION BY THE AUTHORITIES TO DO THAT. IT'LL BE BECAUSE OF
14 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE KNOW. BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE
15 RUN THE GAMUT ON THIS, THAT WE SEE OUR WAY TO THE FINISH-- AM
16 I DONE? SEE OUR WAY TO THE FINISH BUT BE PREPARED-- TWO
17 MINUTES? OKAY. I WON'T TAKE TWO MINUTES. BUT BE PREPARED FOR
18 THE EVENTUALITY. SO WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO, AND THAT'S WHAT I
19 INTERPRET THE MOTIONS THAT ARE FLOATING AROUND, MR. KNABE'S
20 MOTION AND THE OTHERS, WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO TO POSITION
21 OURSELVES TO MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF TIME IT WOULD TAKE TO
22 TRANSITION IN THE EVENT OF THE BAD NEWS, OF A LOSS OF THE
23 CONTRACT, WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO TO MINIMIZE THE AMOUNT OF
24 TIME TO TRANSITION TO AN ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURE AS PROPOSED BY
25 YOUR CONTINGENCY PLAN, WE OUGHT TO BE DOING THAT AND YOU OUGHT



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1 TO CONSIDER YOURSELVES AUTHORIZED TO DO THAT BY THE ACTIONS
2 WE'RE TAKING TODAY. I THINK THAT'S A FAIR STATEMENT. I THINK
3 WE ALL AGREE WITH THAT, WHENEVER OTHER NUANCES THERE ARE, WE
4 ALL AGREE WITH THAT. BE POSITIONED TO DO WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.
5 AND I WOULD ASK THAT THAT SPIRIT OF THAT BE INCORPORATED ALSO
6 INTO DON'S MOTION.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, IF YOU CAN BE MORE, YOU KNOW, OUTWARD IN
9 THAT LANGUAGE, I WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT. I SORT OF
10 IMPLIED IT, YOU KNOW, CERTAIN PARTS OF THE CONTINGENT PLAN SO,
11 I MEAN, ABSOLUTELY. I AGREE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, WELL, YOU CAN LIFT IT OUT OF
14 THE TRANSCRIPT. THAT'S WHAT WE PAY YOU THE BIG BUCKS FOR. I'M
15 DONE. MR. ANTONOVICH?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE ACT TODAY WHEN
18 YOU CONSIDER THAT, THE LONGER WE WAIT, THE PATIENTS WHO ARE
19 SEEKING MEDICAL CARE ARE NOT RECEIVING THE COMPETENT CARE THAT
20 THEY RECEIVE AT THE OTHER COUNTY HOSPITALS, AND THE TAXPAYER
21 WHO'S PAYING FOR COMPETENT MEDICAL CARE AS THEY'RE RECEIVING,
22 BE IT OLIVE VIEW, RANCHO, U.S.C. MEDICAL CARE, HARBOR, ARE NOT
23 RECEIVING IT FOR THE DOLLARS THAT THEY'RE INVESTING AND THEN
24 THAT TAXPAYER IS STILL LIABLE FOR THOSE MISTAKES THAT END UP
25 IN THE MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR LAWSUITS THAT WE GET INVOLVED WITH



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1 EACH WEEK. DR. CHERNOF, OF THE 47,000 VISITS THAT OCCUR IN THE
2 EMERGENCY ROOM, HOW MANY OF THOSE ARE ADMITTED TO AN INPATIENT
3 BED?

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5 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, ON AN AVERAGE DAY, THE NUMBER
6 OF ADMISSIONS GENERATED BY THE EMERGENCY ROOM IS IN THE RANGE
7 OF 13 TO 17 PATIENTS, SPECIFICALLY FROM THE EMERGENCY ROOM
8 ITSELF.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN, OF THAT 13 TO 17, IS THAT USUALLY A
11 ONE OR TWO-DAY STAY OR DOES IT GO INTO THE WEEKS AND MONTHS?

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** OUR AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY IN OUR SYSTEM IS
14 ROUGHLY FIVE DAYS.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABOUT FIVE DAYS?

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18 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ABOUT 13 TO 17 ARE ADMITTED DAILY, OF
21 WHICH 1-TO-5-DAY RANGE FOR...

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23 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WELL, THE AVERAGE WOULD BE 5 SO,
24 SUPERVISOR, IT COULD BE-- IT'S MORE LIKE, YOU KNOW, ONE TO 10



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1 WITH THE AVERAGE BEING FIVE AND WE DO HAVE A COUPLE OF
2 OUTLIERS THAT-- NOW AND AGAIN.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU HAVE, WHAT, 48 BEDS? 47 BEDS?

5

6 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** AT THE M.L.K.-HARBOR SITE, WE OPERATE 48
7 BEDS BUT WE ALSO ADMIT TO PRIVATE HOSPITALS, HARBOR AND
8 RANCHO.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO EXPEDITE AN R.F.P.
11 AND WHAT IS THE ESTIMATED TIMEFRAME TO HAVE A NEW FACILITY
12 TAKE OVER THE HOSPITAL?

13

14 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, OUR BEST GUIDANCE ON HOW LONG
15 IT WOULD TAKE FOR THE PROCESS TO PLAY THROUGH IS ABOUT SIX
16 MONTHS FOR THE IDENTIFYING, QUALIFYING AND PRESENTING TO YOUR
17 BOARD OF APPROPRIATE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS, IF THERE ARE
18 ANY, AND THEN PROBABLY ANOTHER SIX MONTHS FOR STARTUP SO A
19 TOTAL OF A YEAR LONG PROCESS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF C.M.S. WOULD WITHHOLDING FUNDING WITH
22 THE NOTICE THAT THEY WOULD GIVE US ON JUNE 30TH, WHAT IS THE
23 TIMEFRAME THAT THAT DOLLAR FLOW WOULD END?

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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** LET ME DO THE FIRST HALF OF THIS,
2 SUPERVISOR, AND THEN I'LL LOOK TO COUNSEL FOR GUIDANCE AS
3 WELL. LET ME START BY SAYING THAT I BELIEVE, WITH THE
4 CLEARANCE OF THE IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY LAST NIGHT, WE'RE NO
5 LONGER ON A JUNE 30TH CLOCK. WE ARE NOW BACK TO THE CLOCK THAT
6 WAS IN THE LAST WRITTEN LETTER WE RECEIVED FROM C.M.S., WHICH
7 PUTS US OUT THROUGH AUGUST 15TH. SO THAT'S THE FIRST THING.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT'S AUGUST 15TH?

10

11 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WE'RE NOW ON THE AUGUST 15TH CLOCK
12 PREVIOUSLY DEFINED BY C.M.S.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY ANOTHER 48 DAYS OR
15 SO?

16

17 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** ROUGHLY, SUPERVISOR. AND THEN, AS FAR AS
18 THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS, I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR, AND COUNSEL
19 CAN HELP ME, THAT C.M.S. ITSELF HAS A NOTIFYING PROCESS THAT
20 WOULD BEGIN WITH AUGUST 15TH AND I BELIEVE TAKES POTENTIALLY
21 WEEKS BUT I'D WANT TO BE CAUTIOUS THERE. DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER
22 GUIDANCE?

23

24 **LEELA KAPUR:** NO, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER NOTIFYING US OF...

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1 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** WELL, IF C.M.S. WERE TO END THE CONTRACT,
2 THEY HAD SOME NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. SUPERVISOR, WE
3 PROBABLY SHOULD GET BACK TO YOU WITH MORE DETAIL.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK THAT'S ONE OF THE TIMEFRAMES THAT WE
6 OUGHT TO HAVE HAD AND NEED TO HAVE BECAUSE, AS YOU STATED
7 EARLIER, THE NUMBER OF MONTHS IT REQUIRES WHEN WE DO AN R.F.P.
8 AND PROCESS AN OUTSIDE PROVIDER TO COME IN, YOU'RE TALKING
9 ABOUT SIX MONTHS, APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS.

10

11 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND A PROPOSAL BEFORE US TODAY IS TO WAIT
14 ANOTHER TWO WEEKS, ANOTHER FOUR WEEKS, YOU KNOW, IT MAY TURN
15 INTO ANOTHER TWO MONTHS, ANOTHER FOUR MONTHS AND YET THAT
16 CLOCK IS TICKING AND WHEN THEY SAY NO MORE MONEY, THEN WE HAVE
17 NO OTHER CHOICE. AND GOOD, PRUDENT MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING IS
18 TO BEGIN THE PROCESS NOW BECAUSE OF THE LENGTH OF TIME IT
19 WOULD TAKE TO COMPLETE. AND, YOU KNOW, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT AND
20 DIRECTED YOU TO DO DUAL TRACKS IN THE PAST AND, AGAIN, WE'RE
21 STILL IN THE HYPOTHETICAL STAGE. WE DON'T HAVE THE HARD DATA
22 THAT YOU REALLY NEED TO SAY A PROBLEM IS YESTERDAY, WE NEED TO
23 ACT-- HAVE ACTED YESTERDAY AND WE DIDN'T AND THAT
24 PROCRASTINATION HAS CONTINUED TO CREATE A SUBSTANDARD LEVEL OF
25 CARE AND WE OUGHT TO BE RESPONSIBLE. AND, BY BEING



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1 RESPONSIBLE, IT'S ACTING TODAY. THAT'S WHERE THE FUTURE
2 PATIENTS, TAXPAYERS ARE SAYING, I'M PUTTING IN ALL THIS MONEY
3 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE HEALTH CENTER. THEY SHOULD BE
4 PROVIDING THAT QUALITY CARE TODAY AND GETTING IT RESOLVED
5 QUICKLY AND NOT HAVING ANOTHER, YOU KNOW, BUREAUCRATIC DELAY.
6 THAT'S WHERE I HAVE THE FRUSTRATION. HOW WILL ADDING M.L.K.-
7 HARBOR'S PATIENTS IMPACT HARBOR'S, U.C.L.A.'S ALREADY
8 OVERCROWDED E.R.?

9

10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, TO MY MIND, IT WILL MAKE THINGS
11 WORSE FOR HARBOR-U.C.L.A.'S E.R.S AND ALL OF THE OTHER E.R.S
12 IN THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY, BECAUSE PATIENTS THAT NEED TO BE
13 SEEN IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM SETTING WILL NEED TO FIND THEIR WAY
14 TO OTHER SETTINGS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW DO YOU REDRAW THE CURRENT AMBULANCE
17 SERVICES PROGRAM?

18

19 **CAROL MEYER:** WE WILL HAVE TO AND HAVE ALREADY BEGUN
20 DISCUSSIONS WITH THE E.M.S. PROVIDERS THAT TRANSPORT THE
21 PATIENTS FROM THIS AREA. IN ADDITION WE'LL HAVE TO-- SO WE'LL
22 HAVE TO LOOK AT TRAFFIC PATTERNS, WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK AT THEIR
23 RESOURCES. IN ADDITION, WE'LL BE LOOKING AND TALKING WITH THE
24 HOSPITALS IN THE FIVE TO 10-MILE AREA AND DETERMINING WHERE
25 WE'RE GOING TO BE SENDING PATIENTS FROM SPECIFIC AREAS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW LONG DOES THAT TAKE?

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4 **CAROL MEYER:** WELL, I THINK YOU HAVE TO NEGOTIATE AND I THINK
5 THAT TAKES A LITTLE BIT OF TIME BUT ESSENTIALLY YOU CANNOT
6 KEEP A PATIENT IN THE BACK OF AN AMBULANCE. SO IF WE HAD TO DO
7 THE LINES TODAY, WE WOULD HAVE TO DO THEM VERY RAPIDLY.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU BEEN NEGOTIATING?

10

11 **CAROL MEYER:** WE HAVE BEEN TALKING WITH THE AMBULANCE
12 PROVIDERS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT HAVE YOU BEEN NEGOTIATING?

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** WITH THE HOSPITALS?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH THE AMBULANCE AND REDRAWING THE
19 CONFIGURATION.

20

21 **CAROL MEYER:** WITH THE E.M.S. PROVIDERS AND WE HAVE MEETINGS
22 SCHEDULED WITH THE HOSPITALS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WE HAVE NOT NEGOTIATED WITH THE FINAL
25 PROPOSAL?



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2 **CAROL MEYER:** NO, NO.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT'S WHY, WHEN I SAY WE NEED TO ACT
5 TODAY, WE'VE BEEN UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS DUAL TRACK
6 HAD ALL OF THIS READY TO GO, JUST AS WHEN WE WERE CONCERNED
7 WHEN THE 257 EMPLOYEES THAT WERE FIRED OR RESIGNED AND THE 58
8 DOCTORS, 60 DOCTORS THAT WERE FIRED OR RESIGNED, WE HAD
9 RESOLVED THE ISSUE AND THEN WE FIND OUT 60% OF THE NURSES WHO
10 FAILED THE COMPETENCY EXAMINATION AND THAT WE DIDN'T GET RID
11 OF ALL THE-- WE GOT RID OF THE FS BUT WE DIDN'T GET RID OF THE
12 D-MINUS PEOPLE SO WE WERE CAUGHT. LIKE I HAD SAID, WE THOUGHT
13 WE WERE GOING DOWN THAT ROAD TO RECOVERY AND IT TURNED INTO
14 BEING A CUL-DE-SAC BECAUSE WE WERE STILL HAVING SOME OF THE
15 PROBLEMS AND THEN, WHEN THEY CAME OUT AND TOOK SOME MORE
16 RANDOM CASES, THEY FOUND OUT THERE WERE OTHER PROBLEMS THAT
17 THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT. AND THAT'S WHY ACTING TODAY MAKES
18 SENSE FOR THE FUTURE PATIENTS AND THE CURRENT PATIENTS THAT
19 NEED THAT FACILITY AND, WHILE WE CAN OPERATE THAT AS A HEALTH
20 CENTER, YOU SAY 16 HOURS OR 23 HOURS, WHATEVER, AS A HEALTH
21 CENTER, THAT E.R. REQUIREMENT REQUIRES A NEW DIRECTION. AND
22 WHEN WE SAY, "WELL, IT'S CLOSER TO TAKE THE PERSON TO THAT
23 FACILITY," IT MAY BE CLOSER BUT IT MIGHT BE THE LAST TRIP THAT
24 PATIENT TAKES. IT MAY BE BETTER TO GO THAT EXTRA MILE FOR
25 COMPETENT CARE THAN TO TAKE THE DISCOUNT APPROACH AND END UP



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1 WITH A PROBLEM. AND THAT'S, YOU KNOW, WHY I JUST HAVE A
2 FRUSTRATION WHICH WE SHARED AND WE DISCUSSED AND THIS IS NOT
3 NEW. I KNOW IN THIS AMENDMENT BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, WHERE SHE
4 SAYS, "INSTRUCT THE C.A.O. DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 HEALTH SERVICES TO CONTINUE TO TAKE ACTION AS NECESSARY TO
6 MEET THE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND
7 TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE C.M.S. SURVEY," THAT WAS THE ROAD
8 THAT WE HAD TAKEN WHEN WE SPENT \$18 MILLION ON NAVIGANT
9 CONTRACT TO DO THAT BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE A CUL-DE-SAC
10 BECAUSE, AGAIN, IT'S HERE TODAY, WE SHOULD BE DOING THIS.
11 WE'VE ALREADY INVESTED \$18 MILLION. AND IT'S THIS TYPE OF
12 FRUSTRATION THAT I HAVE HAD IN TRYING RESOLVE THIS AND IT'S
13 JUST-- YOU KNOW, IT'S TIME TO MAKE A DECISION. COUNTY COUNSEL,
14 LET ME ASK THIS QUESTION RELATIVE TO THIS GRANDFATHER CLAUSE.
15 WOULD A SUSPENSION ALLOW ANOTHER HOSPITAL TO RETAIN
16 GRANDFATHER POSITIONS IT CURRENTLY HAS FROM THE STATE?

17

18 **LEELA KAPUR:** YES. IF THE LICENSE IS PUT INTO SUSPENSE AS
19 OPPOSED TO REVOKED, IT WOULD ALLOW FOR THAT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I HAVE A MOTION
22 SHE'LL BE READING AFTER WE TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY BUT, AGAIN,
23 IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE MOVE FORWARD AND IT'S IN THE BEST
24 INTERESTS OF THE PATIENT AND THOSE WHO ARE PAYING FOR THAT
25 SYSTEM, THE TAXPAYERS IN THE COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL



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1 GOVERNMENT WHOSE RESOURCES ARE OPERATING THAT FACILITY. THANK
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE, DO YOU
5 WANT TO SPEAK AGAIN? WE'RE GOING TO GO AROUND AGAIN.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, JUST, YOU KNOW, A COUPLE QUESTIONS. I MEAN,
8 OBVIOUSLY, TO ADDRESS SOME OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
9 COMMENTS, I THINK MY MOTION DOES MOVE FORWARD ON THE PLAN AS
10 PRESENTED, IF THOSE CAN BE DONE SAFELY. THERE'S OTHER AREAS
11 WHERE WE NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. BUT, EVEN WITH THE PLAN
12 IN PLACE, AS YOU MENTIONED, YOU HAVE MEETINGS SCHEDULED WITH
13 THESE OTHER HOSPITALS BUT WHAT DOES IT DO TO THE RECEIVING
14 HOSPITAL? I MEAN, THAT'S-- YOU KNOW, IT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD TO
15 HAVE A ROTATING BASIS IN PLACE BUT, AS I SAID FROM THE VERY
16 BEGINNING, YOU KNOW, THIS IS MOVING A WHOLE LOT OF PATIENTS
17 INTO A VERY FRAGILE SYSTEM OF EMERGENCY ROOM TREATMENT. WE
18 DON'T KNOW. I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO GET. WHAT IS
19 GOING TO HAPPEN AT THE RECEIVING HOSPITAL? JUST BECAUSE YOU
20 SAID IT GOES TO "X" HOSPITAL, WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THAT
21 HOSPITAL? I MEAN, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE SOME THINGS IN PLACE,
22 YOU KNOW, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S SAFE, YOU KNOW, AT
23 THE RECEIVING END AS WELL, TOO. THE FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THOSE
24 HOSPITALS. AND ARE WE GOING TO CRUSH SOME PRIVATE HOSPITALS
25 THAT WOULD FORCE THEM OUT OF THE E.R. BUSINESS TO MAKE OUR



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1 SITUATION EVEN WORSE? AND THEY CAN GET OUT OF THE E.R.
2 BUSINESS A WHOLE LOT EASIER THAN WE CAN. AND THAT'S WHAT
3 REALLY MAKES ME NERVOUS ABOUT IT AND THAT'S WHY I FEEL THAT,
4 YOU KNOW, ALTHOUGH WE CAN MOVE FORWARD IN CERTAIN AREAS, I
5 MEAN, THE ULTIMATE GOAL HERE, I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY, THE IDEAL
6 THING IS THAT THEY CONTINUE TO WORK TO PASS THEIR INSPECTION,
7 THEY PASS THE INSPECTION AND WE CAN KEEP THE E.R. ROOM OPEN
8 AND KEEP THOSE VISITS GOING THERE. BUT, ON THESE CONTINGENCY
9 PLANS, I THINK WE NEED ADDITIONAL DETAIL BECAUSE WE STILL
10 DON'T KNOW. I MEAN, WE HAVE 48 BEDS TO DEAL WITH FROM A
11 HOSPITAL STANDPOINT. WE PROBABLY CAN HANDLE THAT WITHIN OUR
12 OWN SYSTEM BUT 47,000 E.R. VISITS, A TOTALLY DIFFERENT STORY.
13 AND, EVEN THOUGH WE MAY HAVE A PLAN, I'D LIKE TO KNOW AND THIS
14 SECOND OPINION THAT I'M ASKING FOR, WHAT THAT MIGHT BE, THE
15 IMPACT ON THE RECEIVING HOSPITAL AND HOW THAT MIGHT IMPACT
16 THEM, EITHER FROM A SAFETY STANDPOINT, FROM A FINANCIAL
17 STANDPOINT, WOULD BE -- WOULD WE BE MOVING UP POTENTIAL
18 CLOSURES OF PRIVATE E.R.S, PRIVATE HOSPITALS?

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CAN I RESPOND TO THAT, SUPERVISOR? YOU
21 KNOW, FIRST, LET ME SAY THAT I DO BELIEVE THAT, GIVEN YOUR
22 BOARD'S SUPPORT AND EFFORTS, THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK, THE WORK
23 OF FOLKS AT HARBOR AND THE STAFF AT M.L.K. HARBOR ON THE
24 GROUND, THAT, GIVEN THE CLEARANCE OF THE I.J. LAST NIGHT, THEY



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1 DESERVE A CHANCE TO GO THROUGH THE SURVEY. I THINK THAT THAT
2 IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

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6 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** AND I HEARD THAT IN WHAT YOU SAID AND I
7 JUST WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT. WITH THAT AS A BACKDROP, I
8 THINK YOU RAISED THE CONCERNS THAT EVERYONE IN MY DEPARTMENT
9 STRUGGLES WITH BECAUSE TAKING THE NEXT STEPS, SHOULD WE NEED
10 TO TAKE THEM, NEEDS TO BE DONE PRUDENTLY.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

13

14 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** IN MY MIND, IT WILL BE PROBABLY IMPOSSIBLE
15 TO MITIGATE ALL OF THE IMPACTS OF A CLOSURE. THIS PLAN LAYS
16 OUT A SPECIFIC APPROACH AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH
17 THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND OTHERS TO THINK THROUGH THE BEST WAY
18 TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. BUT, IF THE HOSPITAL WERE TO CLOSE,
19 IF THE LICENSE WERE TO BE PULLED, IF WE WERE TO LOSE THE
20 CONTRACT, THE BOTTOM LINE IS, 47,000 PEOPLE WOULD SEEK CARE IN
21 THE COMMUNITY AND ONLY A SUBSET OF THOSE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
22 TO BE SEEN IN AN URGENT CARE. SO YOUR REQUEST OF US TO BE
23 THOUGHTFUL AND PRUDENT, TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE IMPACTS, NOT
24 DESTABILIZE THE SYSTEM IN ANY PLACE WHERE WE CAN AVOID IT, IS
25 VERY REASONABLE AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO THAT.



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SUP. KNABE: THANK YOU. BECAUSE I JUST SAY, I MEAN, YOU CAN
WORK OUT A DIVERSION PROGRAM BUT THERE'S AN IMPACT AT THE
OTHER END WHERE THOSE PATIENTS GO. BUT, YOU KNOW, HOW DO YOU
MANAGE THE WALK-IN E.R. VISITS? I MEAN, THAT'S, YOU KNOW,
THAT'S A BIG PIECE OF THIS, PARTICULARLY AT M.L.K. AND
PARTICULARLY AT ALL OF OUR HOSPITALS. I THINK EVERYONE THINKS
THAT ALL THE E.R. VISITS ARE, YOU KNOW, AMBULANCE DRIVEN, THEY
JUST DRIVE RIGHT IN AND THAT'S NOT THE CASE. THAT'S A SMALL
PERCENTAGE OF E.R. VISITS. MOST OF THEM ARE USED TO GOING TO
THEIR EMERGENCY ROOM AND SO THAT'S GOING TO BE A BIG ISSUE.
HOW DO WE MANAGE THAT WALK-IN BUSINESS?

13

DR. BRUCE CHERNOF: AGAIN, SUPERVISOR, YOU'VE HIT THE NAIL ON
THE HEAD. WHEN YOU RUN AN EMERGENCY ROOM, THE FOLKS WHO WALK
IN WALK IN AND THE EMERGENCY ROOM IS REQUIRED TO SEE THEM. SO
THIS GETS AT, HOW DO WE ARRAY UNSCHEDULED CARE SERVICES ON THE
GROUNDS OF THE FACILITY IF IT WERE NO LONGER RUNNING AN
EMERGENCY ROOM, THINGS LIKE AN URGENT CARE? ARE THERE OTHER
CREATIVE WAYS TO DEAL WITH UNSCHEDULED CARE THAT DOESN'T NEED
TO BE SEEN IN AN EMERGENCY ROOM? OTHER SOLUTIONS WITHIN THE
COMMUNITY THAT ARE MORE LOCAL, THAT MEAN THAT PEOPLE DON'T
HAVE TO TRAVEL SO FAR? TO SEVERAL SUPERVISORS' POINT ABOUT
TRANSPORTATION BEING AN ISSUE, THE MORE THAT WE CAN CREATE
SOLUTIONS THAT KEEP SERVICES IN THE COMMUNITY, THAT'S BETTER,



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1 BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO REPLACE -- CLEARLY WILL NOT REPLACE, IN
2 THE IMMEDIATE TERM, SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT WALK INTO THE E.R.
3 SO WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE A PLAN THAT DEALS WITH THE IMMEDIATE
4 ISSUES. WE WILL NEED A THOUGHTFUL APPROACH, OVER TIME, TO TRY
5 TO MOVE UNSCHEDULED CARE AND WE WILL NEED ALTERNATIVES TO TRY
6 TO REOPEN THE HOSPITAL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST ONE FINAL QUESTION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL. THE
9 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION, THE QUESTION
10 THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA, ONE IS CRITICAL IN ALLOWING US TO MOVE
11 QUICKLY TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPEN, TO PUT SOMEONE IN PLACE
12 WITHOUT HAVING TO REAPPLY FOR THE LICENSE, WITHOUT HAVING TO
13 BRING IT UP IMMEDIATELY BEFORE OPENING TO THE CURRENT
14 EARTHQUAKE STANDARDS, IS THAT CORRECT?

15

16 **LEELA KAPUR:** THAT'S CORRECT. SUSPENSION WOULD ALLOW YOU TO
17 BRING IN A NEW OPERATOR AND THAT OPERATOR TO TAKE OVER THE
18 FACILITY AS IS. REVOCATION WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO GRANDFATHER
19 IN THE SEISMIC AND OTHER BUILDING STANDARDS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BURKE, THEN
24 MOLINA.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS FOR EMERGENCY
2 MEDICINE AND ALSO IN TERMS OF THE OTHER HOSPITALS. HAVE YOU
3 HAD THE DISCUSSION WITH ST. FRANCIS AS IT RELATES TO THE
4 ISSUES THAT THEY WOULD WISH TO HAVE US ALSO PROVIDE SECURITY
5 OFFICERS, SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES IN ORDER FOR THEM TO TAKE-- WELL,
6 REALLY, EVEN-- TO CONTINUE AS THEY ARE?

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** THE ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER HAS EXPERIENCED
9 WHAT M.L.K. HAS EXPERIENCED FOR YEARS AND YEARS IN THAT THE
10 TRAUMA PATIENTS THAT ARE GANG RELATED, ARE, MANY OF THEM,
11 BEING TAKEN TO SAINT FRANCIS NOW. AND WE HAVE PROVIDED THEM
12 WITH SOME GRANT FUNDING THAT WAS AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR
13 BIOTERRORISM GRANTS AND THEY ARE LOOKING AT OTHER ISSUES TO
14 TRY TO RESOLVE THAT BECAUSE IT WILL BE THERE BY VIRTUE OF THE
15 TYPE OF CLIENTELE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ARE YOU FIGURING THOSE COSTS IN OR WHAT IS OUR
18 POSITION ON THAT?

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** WE HAVE NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION. THAT WOULD BE
21 ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS IN THIS PROCESS.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, AND I THINK IT'S A REAL COST WE HAVE TO LOOK
24 AT WHEN WE START TALKING TO OTHER HOSPITALS IN THE AREA. AND
25 THEY HAVE CERTAINLY THAT THEY FEEL AS THOUGH THAT WE HAVE A



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1 RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR
2 TAKING OVER THOSE PATIENTS AND THAT'S TAKING THE PATIENTS THAT
3 THEY ARE NOW TAKING, WHICH ARE PART OF THE TRAUMA, BUT IF THEY
4 TAKE THE EMERGENCY AS WELL, IT'S THE SAME ISSUE. BUT I
5 WONDERED IF THOSE WERE SOME OF THE CALCULATIONS YOU WERE ALSO
6 MAKING.

7

8 **CAROL MEYER:** WE ARE AWARE OF THAT CONCERN AND THE REQUEST BY
9 ST. FRANCIS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO ASK ONE QUESTION AS FAR AS FROM THE
12 COUNTY COUNSEL. ON C.M.S., WHEN-- IF THE SURVEY IS NOT
13 SUCCESSFUL, WHAT IS THE TIMETABLE THAT THEY HAVE? THE DAY THAT
14 THEY-- THEY HAVE THE SURVEY. THEN, ORIGINALLY, I UNDERSTOOD
15 THEY WERE TO COME BACK WITH A RESPONSE BY THE END OF AUGUST OR
16 SOME PART OF AUGUST. WHAT IS THE TIMETABLE IF THEY DETERMINE
17 THAT THE SURVEY IS NOT SUCCESSFUL? HOW DOES IT WORK IN TERMS
18 OF FUNDING?

19

20 **LEELA KAPUR:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, MY RECOLLECTION IS THE
21 AGREEMENT THAT YOUR BOARD SIGNED WITH C.M.S. CALLED FOR THEM
22 TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY AND ISSUE THEIR FINDINGS BY AUGUST
23 15TH. WHAT YOU NEED TO KEEP IN MIND IS WE ARE CURRENTLY NOT
24 RECEIVING C.M.S. FUNDING. THAT WAS PART OF THAT AGREEMENT. SO,
25 REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEIR EFFECTIVE DATE IS, IT REALLY HAS NO



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1 ADDITIONAL IMPACT ON YOU, THE BOARD, BECAUSE YOU'RE ALREADY
2 NOT RECEIVING THE FUNDING.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WE'RE RECEIVING IT FOR SOME PATIENTS.

5

6 **LEELA KAPUR:** YOU'RE RECEIVING IT FOR EMERGENCIES.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** WE RECEIVE IT FOR EMERGENCIES.

9

10 **LEELA KAPUR:** AND YOU WOULD STILL, BY STATUTE OR BY LAW, STILL
11 BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE IT FOR EMERGENCY. WHAT THE AGREEMENT
12 ALLOWED FOR IS A SLIGHTER, LESSER STANDARDS FOR THE-- TO
13 QUALIFY FOR THE EMERGENCY FUNDING, SO OUR EMERGENCY FUNDING
14 WOULD CHANGE TO SOME EXTENT ONCE WE-- IF WE WERE TO LOSE OUR
15 C.M.S. ACCREDITATION, OUR C.M.S. CONTRACT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** AND HOW LONG WOULD THAT EMERGENCY FUNDING GO ON?

18

19 **LEELA KAPUR:** I BELIEVE THAT ALL HOSPITALS ARE ENTITLED TO SOME
20 EMERGENCY FUNDING. AGAIN, YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO MEET CERTAIN
21 STANDARDS, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER
22 PROVIDERS OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE AREA AND THEREFORE YOU
23 NEEDED TO TAKE THAT PATIENT, AND I'M PARAPHRASING
24 CONSIDERABLY, BUT I BELIEVE THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WOULD
25 CONTINUE AS LONG AS WE HAD AN EMERGENCY ROOM. AGAIN, UNDER THE



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1 AGREEMENT WE HAVE WITH C.M.S., THOSE STANDARDS WERE LESSENE
2 FOR US AS OPPOSED TO SOMEBODY THAT DIDN'T HAVE THAT AGREEMENT
3 IN PLACE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT, OF COURSE, WE CAN'T HAVE AN EMERGENCY ROOM
6 UNLESS WE HAVE SOME HOSPITAL THERE.

7

8 **LEELA KAPUR:** CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** AND IS THERE A MINIMUM NUMBER OF PATIENTS YOU HAVE
11 TO HAVE IN THE HOSPITAL IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE EMERGENCY?

12

13 **LEELA KAPUR:** I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S A MINIMUM NUMBER OF BEDS.
14 I THINK IT BECOMES AN OPERATIONAL ISSUE AS TO HOW MANY BEDS
15 YOU WOULD NEED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SAFE CARE IN THE EMERGENCY
16 ROOM.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** I SEE. THE THING THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN CLEAR ON IS
19 THOSE EMERGENCY FUNDS, SO THOSE EMERGENCY FUNDS GO ON WHETHER
20 OR NOT THE C.M.S. SURVEY IS SUCCESSFUL OR NOT BUT IT'S A
21 LESSER AMOUNT?

22

23 **LEELA KAPUR:** SUPERVISOR, I WILL GET YOU A DETAILED ANSWER TO
24 THAT BECAUSE I'M SPEAKING OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD A LITTLE BIT
25 BUT I BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD STILL BE ENTITLED TO SOME FUNDING



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1 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES. THE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE HARSHER IF
2 WE WERE TO LOSE OUR CONTRACT.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT WE DON'T GET ANYTHING FOR URGENT CARE, IS THAT
5 CORRECT? OR DO WE?

6

7 **LEELA KAPUR:** WE DO NOT GET ANYTHING. I DO NOT BELIEVE WE GET
8 ANYTHING FOR URGENT CARE.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU CANNOT GET-- I KNOW, THAT'S AN ISSUE THAT WE
11 HAVE WHEN ALL THE OTHER EMERGENCY ROOMS HAVE CLOSED. WHEN THEY
12 WENT TO URGENT CARE, THERE WAS NO FUNDS AVAILABLE BUT, AS LONG
13 AS THEY HAD EMERGENCY SERVICES, THERE WERE FUNDS THAT WERE
14 AVAILABLE.

15

16 **LEELA KAPUR:** I THINK YOU NEED TO MEET THE DEFINITION OF
17 EMERGENCY SERVICES AND SERVICES PROVIDED IN AN URGENT CARE
18 SETTING WOULD LIKELY NOT MEET THAT DEFINITION.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** I SEE. ALL RIGHT. ONE FINAL QUESTION. IF ANOTHER
21 HOSPITAL WAS OPERATING, WOULD THEY CONTINUE TO RECEIVE, IF OUR
22 EMERGENCY ROOM CONTINUED WITH ANOTHER HOSPITAL OPERATING SOME
23 OF THE OTHER BEDS THAT ARE INPATIENT, WOULD THOSE EMERGENCY
24 SERVICE FUNDS CONTINUE?

25



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1 **LEELA KAPUR:** SUPERVISOR, I WOULD IMAGINE THAT, IF A NEW
2 OPERATOR CAME INTO M.L.K.-HARBOR, THEY WOULD RECEIVE, APPLY
3 FOR AND RECEIVE A C.M.S. CONTRACT, SO THEY WOULD GET FULL
4 C.M.S. FUNDING.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THERE WOULD BE A TIME BEFORE THEY COULD
7 ACTUALLY GET THE CONTRACT, WOULDN'T IT?

8

9 **LEELA KAPUR:** I BELIEVE THERE IS A TIME PERIOD THAT THEY HAVE
10 TO SHOW THAT THEY'VE MET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A REASONABLE
11 PERIOD OF A REASONABLE INSURANCE OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, SO I
12 WOULD ASSUME THEY WOULD GET THE EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR THAT
13 PERIOD OF TIME BUT I WILL GET YOU ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THE BIGGEST ISSUE HERE THAT WE'RE
20 ADDRESSING IS THE ISSUE OF SAFETY. AND, YOU KNOW, A LOT OF US,
21 AS WE MAKE OUR DECISIONS AND I KNOW ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I
22 HAVE ALWAYS MADE MY POLITICAL DECISIONS ON HAS BEEN BASED ON
23 WHAT I THINK I WOULD DO. IF I WEREN'T SITTING IN THE POSITION
24 OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT I AM, WHETHER I'D BEEN A LEGISLATOR,
25 WHETHER I'D BEEN A CITY COUNCIL WOMAN OR NOW AS A MEMBER OF



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1 THE BOARD. SO IF I AM THE PUBLIC AND I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND
2 THE IMPLICATIONS OF LAWS, THE IMPLICATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY
3 AND THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DUTIES THAT WE UNDERTAKE, THERE'S
4 ALWAYS THAT PART WHERE YOU GATHER AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU
5 CAN TO ANALYZE THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE DUTIES AS YOU MAKE
6 YOUR DECISION AND THEN THERE'S THAT OTHER PART, WHICH IS YOUR
7 OWN GUT. AND MY GUT HAS SERVED ME WELL ON MANY OF THE
8 DECISIONS THAT I MAKE. I TRY AND PUT ON THAT HAT AND THAT
9 RESPONSIBILITY WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT BUDGETING ISSUES, WHEN
10 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CLOSING SOMETHING DOWN, YOU KNOW,
11 CURTAILING SERVICES, WHEN IT COMES TO LIBRARIES OR PUBLIC
12 SAFETY ISSUES. THERE'S ALWAYS THE INFORMATION THAT YOU GATHER
13 AND THEN THERE'S THAT GUT FEELING OF WHAT YOU FEEL ABOUT
14 SOMETHING. THE ISSUE HERE IS THE ISSUE OF SAFETY AND IT ISN'T
15 WHETHER, IN FACT, C.M.S. GIVES US THE MONEY OR NOT, OKAY?
16 C.M.S. IS GOING TO MAKE A DETERMINATION AND SAY, "WE'RE NOT
17 SECURE IN FEELING THAT YOU ARE SAFE ENOUGH FOR US TO REIMBURSE
18 YOU FOR THE CARE." THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT THEY'RE DOING. THEY
19 COULD PICK UP AND WALK AWAY AND SAY, "WE'RE NOT GOING TO PAY
20 YOU FOR IT." THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT WE WOULD NOT BELIEVE IT TO
21 BE A SAFE HOSPITAL. WE COULD MAKE A DETERMINATION, BASED ON
22 INFORMATION THAT WE RECEIVE, THAT, NO MATTER WHAT C.M.S. DOES,
23 EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T PAY US, WE ARE RUNNING A SAFE FACILITY.
24 SO THE ISSUE IS THAT. ARE WE RUNNING A SAFE FACILITY? THE
25 CLOSEST WE HAVE COME TO THAT HAS BEEN WITH THE STATE COMING IN



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1 AND REVIEWING WHAT THEY DID, BASED ON WHATEVER REPORTS THEY
2 HEARD AND THEY POTENTIALLY COULD HAVE ESCALATED THE PROBLEM
3 BUT, LUCKILY, THE HOSPITAL AND ITS PERSONNEL AND ITS
4 LEADERSHIP HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FORESTALL THAT BY THE GOOD NEWS
5 THAT WE RECEIVED YESTERDAY. BUT I AM NOT SO SURE THAT WE HAVE
6 THE CAPABILITY OF PRODUCING THAT FOR C.M.S. I MEAN, OUR
7 RESPONSIBILITY ON JULY 1ST IS TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF INVITING
8 THEM IN FOR THAT INSPECTION AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT
9 TIMEFRAME IS AND THERE ARE A LOT OF ISSUES WITH REGARD TO OUR
10 ABILITY TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES TO C.M.S. OF OUR SAFETY. MY GUT
11 SAYS THAT I AM NOT SO SURE THAT THIS HOSPITAL IS FULLY
12 EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE THAT ISSUE OF SAFETY. AND SO THAT'S WHERE
13 I HAVE AN ISSUE AND SO I WANT TO BE PROACTIVE IN SAYING, LET'S
14 GET PREPARED BECAUSE THE STATE MAY COME IN AND I THINK THAT WE
15 HAVE A-- NEED TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THIS ISSUE OF THE LICENSE
16 AND WHAT THAT MEANS, BECAUSE THE STATE CAN COME IN AT ANY TIME
17 AND I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO AFTER C.M.S.
18 TAKES AWAY THE MONEY OR IF THEY DO OR NOT AND THEY AREN'T
19 GIVING US ANY APPEAL RIGHTS THIS TIME. THIS IS, "YOU'VE GOT TO
20 DO IT THIS TIME OR YOU'RE OUT OF HERE." THAT MEANS THAT
21 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE US THE MONEY. THEN THIS BOARD NEEDS
22 TO MAKE A DETERMINATION, AND SOME MEMBERS HAVE, THAT, IF THEY
23 DON'T GIVE US THE MONEY, THEN WE'RE NOT GOING TO OPERATE IT.
24 SO WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO CLOSE BECAUSE WE DON'T GET THE MONEY
25 TO MAINTAIN IT. THE STATE COULD COME BACK IN AND SAY, "WELL,



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1 SINCE THEY'VE AGREED THAT YOU'RE NOT SAFE ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU
2 THE MONEY, WE'RE GOING TO COME IN AND CLOSE YOU DOWN." SO
3 THOSE ARE SOME OF THE SCENARIOS. SO THEN THE SECOND ISSUE
4 BECOMES ACCESS. FIRST, SAFETY. THEN ACCESS. THIS COMMUNITY
5 NEEDS THIS HOSPITAL. THIS ENTIRE REGION NEEDS THIS HOSPITAL.
6 WITHOUT-- I MEAN, THOSE BEDS, EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE VERY SLIGHT,
7 WE START FLOODING EVERYTHING ELSE, AND ALL OF US ARE AFFECTED
8 BY IT. SO WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO TAKE THE BEST STEPS
9 POSSIBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE SUCCESSFUL AS WE
10 PROCEED. I HAVE A MOTION THAT I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE BUT,
11 BEFORE I DO THAT, I WANT PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND ONE THING. THERE
12 IS A TREMENDOUS INTEREST, ON MANY PEOPLE'S PART, TO BEGIN THE
13 CLOSURE. THAT IS, TO ACTUALLY CLOSE THIS HOSPITAL. DO NOT
14 CREATE AN UNSAFE SITUATION FOR ANY OTHER PATIENT. AND THAT IS
15 ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT IS BEFORE US. BUT EVEN IF WE TAKE THAT
16 RESPONSIBILITY ON TODAY, THERE IS A PROCESS THAT WE NEED TO GO
17 THROUGH AND THAT'S WHY I WAS SO CLEAR IN MY PAST DISCUSSION,
18 WHAT IS THE PROCESS? THEN THERE'S A RESPONSIBILITY OF WHAT WE
19 HAVE WITH THIS LICENSE. IF WE PUT IT AN INVOLUNTARY
20 SUSPENSION, AND I'M GOING TO ASK THAT IN MY MOTION AS TO WHAT
21 THAT'S GOING TO MEAN, DO WE PRESERVE AND PROTECT SO THAT MAYBE
22 WE CAN GET SOMEBODY ELSE, NOT OURSELVES, TO COME IN AND TAKE
23 OVER THE HOSPITAL RESPONSIBILITY, THE ENTIRE HOSPITAL, WITH A
24 LICENSE POTENTIALLY IN SUSPENSE, BUT BEING ABLE TO BRING IT
25 BACK? IF IT GETS REVOKED, DO WE ARE NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR OTHER



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1 RESPONSIBILITIES AS SEISMIC AND ALL THE OTHER KINDS OF THINGS
2 UNDER A NEW LICENSE, WHICH I'M SURE YOU NEED TO EVALUATE AND
3 WE'RE NOT GOING TO DEAL WITH HERE. BUT THE ISSUE IS, IS THAT
4 HOW-- THE GOAL SHOULD BE SAFETY AND ACCESS. SO IF, IN FACT,
5 THERE IS ISSUES OF SAFETY, WE NEED TO ADDRESS THOSE
6 IMMEDIATELY AND CERTAINLY SOMEBODY ON MY SIDE, I MEAN, I HAVE
7 DRAWN THE CONCLUSION, IN MY GUT, THAT THERE IS NOTHING TELLING
8 ME YET THAT THIS IS A FULLY, COMPLETELY SAFE HOSPITAL. THE
9 DISCUSSION LAST WEEK FROM OUR HARBOR OFFICIALS MADE ME MORE
10 WARY OF THAT. I MEAN, THE REALITY OF NURSES NOT BEING ABLE TO
11 PASS TESTS. I DON'T CARE, YOU KNOW, IF THEY WEREN'T DOING IT
12 FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. ALL I KNOW IS THAT, WHEN I SEND MY
13 MOMMY THERE, I WANT A NURSE WHO KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE DOING. I
14 WANT A DOC WHO IS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF HER. I WANT EVERYBODY
15 IN THAT HOSPITAL TO TREAT HER, EVEN THOUGH SHE'S POOR, WITH
16 THE UTMOST OF CARE. THAT'S WHAT I WANT. THAT'S WHAT MY GUT
17 WANTS AND, IF I CAN'T ASSURE MYSELF OF THAT, TO TAKE MY MOM
18 THERE, THEN WHY SHOULD I SUBJECT OTHER POOR PEOPLE TO THAT
19 SAME DESTINY? THAT IS THE ISSUE THAT IS BEFORE US. [APPLAUSE
20]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO, AS WE MAKE THIS DETERMINATION, WE HAVE TO
23 RECOGNIZE THAT DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY. SO PUTTING A
24 CONTINGENCY PLAN IN PLACE DOES SOMETHING VERY POSITIVE: IT
25 GETS US AHEAD OF THE GAME OF PLANNING AND RECOGNIZING WHAT WE



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1 NEED TO DO. IT GETS US AHEAD OF THE GAME OF NEGOTIATING, WHICH
2 MAY TAKE A LONG PERIOD OF TIME BECAUSE THOSE HOSPITALS ARE
3 SAYING, GET OUT OF TOWN, WE'RE BUSY ENOUGH, WE CAN'T EVEN DEAL
4 WITH WHAT YOU'VE GOT. IT PUTS US IN A PLACE TO RECOGNIZE WHAT
5 OUR OPTIONS ARE, WHAT DOES VOLUNTARY MEAN, WHAT DOES
6 INVOLUNTARY MEAN, WHAT WOULD A REVOCATION DO, WHO ELSE IS OUT
7 THERE THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN DOING IT? THERE ARE OTHER
8 ISSUES. I MEAN, WE CAN LOOK AT OTHER OPTIONS AS WELL THAT I
9 THINK COULD BE STUDIED AS WHY NOT HAVE IT JUST GO UNDER THE
10 HARBOR-U.C.L.A. LICENSE AND HAVE THEIR FULL INVOLVEMENT IN
11 TRYING TO RUN THIS HOSPITAL? ABSOLUTELY FULL INVOLVEMENT. THAT
12 IS, TAKING THE LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY, BRINGING IN THOSE
13 PEOPLE AND MAKING SURE THAT THEY ARE PROVIDING, AS THEY DO AT
14 HARBOR-U.C.L.A., FIRST CLASS PATIENT CARE. THAT'S A POTENTIAL.
15 SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT ALL OF THESE ISSUES. AND I HAVE A MOTION
16 THAT I AM GOING TO INTRODUCE. AND SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
17 SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT, THAT'S TOO CALLOUS, THAT'S TOO COLD,
18 BECAUSE YOU'RE ASKING THEM TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF CLOSURE
19 NOW, WHICH IS NOTIFICATION AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS. BUT I
20 WANT TO SAY TO EVERYONE AT MARTIN LUTHER KING-HARBOR HOSPITAL,
21 WE HAVE TWO SCENARIOS. AND, YOU KNOW, EVERYONE OPERATES
22 DIFFERENTLY IN THEIR MIND. WE HAVE A SCENARIO THAT, OKAY, I'M
23 GIVING UP, I'M WALKING AWAY, I'M GOING TO GO TO ANOTHER JOB,
24 THIS PLACE IS NOT SECURE. SO THEY'RE GOING TO START LEAVING
25 AND THAT'S A FEAR THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING



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1 TO SAY THE BOARD JUST DOESN'T HAVE CONFIDENCE IN OUR SYSTEM,
2 THEY'RE IN THE PROCESS TO CLOSE THIS HOSPITAL DOWN, SO I'M
3 GOING TO GO LOOK FOR A JOB SOMEWHERE ELSE. THAT'S WHAT MAY
4 HAPPEN AND WE MAY START LOSING THE ABILITY TO SUSTAIN WHAT OUR
5 RESPONSIBLE RATIOS ARE, WHETHER IT BE NURSES, WHETHER IT BE
6 SPECIALTY CARE, WHETHER IT BE DOCS, WHATEVER WE NEED TO DO.
7 THAT IS ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN. AND I'M NOT SO SURE
8 THAT SOME PEOPLE THERE HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE THAT, HAVEN'T
9 ALREADY GIVEN UP. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE RODRIGUEZ CASE, IT
10 MAKES YOU WONDER. IT REALLY MAKES YOU WONDER. THEN THE SECOND
11 SCENARIO MIGHT BE, OH, WOW. OH, MY GOD, THEY ARE REALLY GOING
12 TO CLOSE THIS DOWN. WE HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE, ONE MORE CHANCE
13 AND THAT IS THE CHANCE TO PASS THE C.M.S. TEST. THAT WOULD
14 MEAN THAT EVERY SINGLE PERSON WOULD LOOK AT THEIR OWN PERSONAL
15 RESPONSIBILITY, THEIR OWN PERSONAL DUTY, NOT BLAMING THAT
16 MANAGER, NOT BLAMING THAT NURSE, NOT SAYING "IT AIN'T MY JOB,"
17 BUT TAKING SOME REAL OWNERSHIP IN THAT HOSPITAL AND SAYING,
18 "YOU KNOW WHAT, I'M GOING TO PROVE MOLINA WRONG, I'M GOING TO
19 PROVE THOSE SUPERVISORS WRONG. WE CAN PASS THIS TEST AND WE
20 ARE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR POWER TO MAKE IT HAPPEN
21 AND NOT TALK ABOUT, OH, BECAUSE SO-AND-SO DIDN'T WORK, I
22 DIDN'T, BECAUSE THAT PERSON ISN'T THERE, I CAN'T DO." IT IS A
23 MATTER OF TAKING YOUR OWN PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY, PERSONAL
24 RESPONSIBILITY AND OWNING UP TO IT. NOT, "OH, IT'S NOT IN MY
25 PROCEDURE." "OH, I'VE JUST GOT TO MOP AROUND HER. IT'S NOT MY



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1 JOB TO PICK HER UP, IT'S NOT MY JOB TO TAKE CARE OF HER. IT'S
2 JUST-- MY JOB IS ONLY TO MOP." THAT'S IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION.
3 AND SO I AM ASKING AND I'M GOING TO PUT A MOTION IN PLACE, I'M
4 GOING TO READ IT, AND THE REASON I'M PUTTING IT IN PLACE,
5 BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW, UNDER SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION, WHICH
6 BEGINS THE PROCESS QUICKER AND MORE EFFECTIVELY. MY
7 RESPONSIBILITY TODAY IS TO START THE PROCESS OF CLOSURE, TO
8 PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE ABILITY TO PROTECT THAT LICENSE,
9 BECAUSE THE SAME TIME WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW QUICKLY WE CAN
10 REOPEN THAT HOSPITAL TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE
11 THE UTMOST OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE POOREST PEOPLE IN THIS
12 COMMUNITY AND THAT IS SAFETY. YES, I DON'T WANT THEM TO HAVE
13 TO DRIVE FURTHER AND I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT THEM TO GET ON A
14 BUS AND GO FURTHER BUT WE CAN'T DO THAT, THEN WE HAVE NO
15 CHOICE. SO I WANT TO KNOW WHICH ONE ACTIVATES IT AS QUICKLY. I
16 KNOW WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WISH TO ADDRESS US AND
17 I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THEM, BUT I'M GOING TO ASK THE C.A.O.
18 AND MAYBE DR. CHERNOF AS WELL TO TAKE THESE TWO MOTIONS AND
19 LET US KNOW WHAT THE DIFFERENCES ARE WHEN WE COME BACK,
20 BECAUSE I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE GOING. SO LET ME READ
21 MY MOTION. THIS IS A MOTION BY MYSELF AND SUPERVISOR
22 ANTONOVICH. THIS BOARD HAS MADE REPEATED EFFORTS OVER THE LAST
23 SEVERAL YEARS TO TRANSFORM MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL INTO A
24 HOSPITAL THAT PROVIDES RELIABLE, SAFE AND EFFECTIVE HEALTHCARE
25 SERVICES. TODAY, THIS HOSPITAL IS ON THE PRECIPICE OF CLOSURE



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1 AND LOSS OF FUNDING BY STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES FOR
2 REPEATEDLY FAILING TO MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS OF CARE.
3 CONSEQUENTLY, THE BOARD DIRECTED THE C.A.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF HEALTH SERVICES TO DEVELOP A CONTINGENCY PLAN TO PROVIDE
5 THE COMMUNITY WITH ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY AND INPATIENT
6 SERVICES. GIVEN THE VERY REAL JEOPARDY OF CLOSURE, IT WOULD BE
7 PRUDENT FOR THE COUNTY TO IMMEDIATELY BEGIN CONTINGENCY
8 PREPARATIONS, RATHER THAN RISK BEING ILL-PREPARED AND CREATE A
9 FLOOD OF EMERGENCY ROOM PATIENTS AT OTHER HOSPITALS. A NUMBER
10 OF STEPS ARE OUTLINED IN THE CONTINGENCY PLAN BEGINNING WITH
11 NOTICING A HEARING REQUIRED SHOULD THE EMERGENCY ROOM CLOSE,
12 NEGOTIATING WITH AREA EMERGENCY ROOMS TO TAKE THE AMBULANCE
13 PATIENTS AND MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
14 URGENT CARE CENTER TO OPERATE AT M.L.K. BY BEGINNING THIS
15 PROCESS NOW, IT PROVIDES THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS TO PROTECT
16 THE VITAL SERVICES IN THE IMMEDIATE TERM AND COULD RESULT IN
17 RETAINING THE M.L.K.-HARBOR STATE LICENSE SO THAT THE HOSPITAL
18 CAN REOPEN UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT AND STAFF IN THE FUTURE. WE
19 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE
20 C.A.O., WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
21 SERVICES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENTS, TO IMMEDIATELY
22 BEGIN PREPARATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE M.L.K.-HARBOR CONTINGENCY
23 PLANS AND SPECIFICALLY TO, NUMBER ONE, IMMEDIATELY BEGIN
24 NEGOTIATIONS WITH AREA HOSPITALS TO ABSORB THE AMBULANCE AND
25 WALK-IN PORTIONS OF EMERGENCY ROOM PATIENTS THAT WOULD



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1 OTHERWISE BE SEEN AT M.L.K.-HARBOR. (2) TO PROVIDE THE
2 REQUIRED LEGAL NOTICE BY JULY 3RD, 2007, TO INITIATE THE 90-
3 DAY PERIOD REQUIRED BY THE STATE PRIOR TO THE CLOSURE OF OUR
4 EMERGENCY ROOM AND INITIATE PREPARATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF
5 THE IMPACT STATEMENT AND THE SCHEDULING OF THE NECESSARY
6 HEARINGS. (3) THAT WE INITIATE PREPARATIONS FOR THE REQUIRED
7 BEILENSON HEARINGS. (4) THAT WE DEVELOP AN EXPEDITED REQUEST
8 FOR INFORMATION QUALIFICATIONS PROCESS TO SELECT A NEW
9 CONTRACTOR TO OPERATE THE URGENT CARE CENTER AT M.L.K.-HARBOR
10 AND EXAMINE WHETHER SUCH A FACILITY SHOULD OPERATE 16 HOURS A
11 DAY OR 24 HOURS PER DAY. (5) THAT WE REQUEST ANALYSIS FROM THE
12 COUNTY COUNSEL TO CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN VOLUNTARY AND
13 INVOLUNTARY LICENSE SUSPENSION ON A HOSPITAL AND ON THE
14 NECESSARY MEASURES TO PUT A HOSPITAL LICENSE IN SUSPENSE SO
15 THAT THE FACILITY CAN RETAIN THE GRANDFATHER PROVISIONS IT
16 CURRENTLY ENJOYS UNDER STATE SEISMIC BUILDING CODES. (6) THAT
17 WE DEVELOP A BILINGUAL COMMUNITY EDUCATIONAL PLAN TO INFORM
18 AREA RESIDENTS OF THE BEST AVAILABLE EMERGENCY, URGENT AND
19 NONURGENT HEALTHCARE FACILITIES DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD. (7)
20 THAT WE DEVELOP, IN CONSULTATION WITH EMPLOYEE
21 REPRESENTATIVES, AN EFFECTIVE PLAN TO TRANSFER M.L.K.-HARBOR
22 EMPLOYEES INTO ALTERNATIVE COUNTY POSITIONS WHERE THEY WILL
23 HAVE EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT AS WELL AS SUPPORT. (8) THAT WE
24 INITIATE A DUAL TRACK STRATEGY FOR THE EVENTUAL REOPENING OF
25 MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL BY (A) BEGINNING DEVELOPMENT OF AN



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1 EXPEDITED AND ABBREVIATED SELECTION PROCESS OF A PROVIDER OF
2 EMERGENCY AND INPATIENT HEALTHCARE SERVICES AT MARTIN LUTHER
3 KING HOSPITAL AND (B) THAT WE DEVELOP PLANS FOR A FULLY
4 HARBOR-U.C.L.A.-OPERATED AND CONTROLLED SATELLITE HOSPITAL.
5 (9) THAT WE REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH THE
6 FIRST PROGRESS REPORT ON EACH OF THESE ACTIONS BY JULY 17TH OF
7 2007. SO I'M GOING TO ASK THAT-- I KNOW WE HAVE VARIOUS PEOPLE
8 THAT WANT TO HEAR BUT I'D LIKE THE C.A.O., I'D LIKE THE C.A.O.
9 AND I'D LIKE DR. CHERNOF TO COME BACK. AND THESE MOTIONS COULD
10 BE BLENDED BUT, AT THE END OF THE DAY, WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS
11 WHAT YOU UNDERSTAND IT TO MEAN.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I WOULD-- MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, I WOULD MOVE
16 TO STRIKE ITEM NUMBER 2 AND ITEM 3 OF THE MOTION AND ALSO TO
17 GET A CLARIFICATION OF THE DATE EMPLOYEES-- THE PLAN THAT THE
18 TRANSFER OF EMPLOYEES WOULD TAKE PLACE IN SEVEN AND TO STRIKE
19 ITEM 8 AND TO ADD THE LANGUAGE AS FOLLOWS: SHOULD THE HOSPITAL
20 FAIL TO MEET C.M.S. CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION OR SHOULD THE
21 BOARD BE REQUIRED TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL IN THE INTEREST OF
22 PATIENT SAFETY. AS A NUMBER 9 ON THERE, THE FOREGOING WOULD
23 APPLY IN THE EVENT THE HOSPITAL SHOULD FAIL TO MEET C.M.S.
24 CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHAT IS YOUR-- THIS AMENDMENT
2 THAT WAS JUST HANDED OUT WOULD BE AN AMENDMENT TO WHAT?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT AMENDMENT, NO, I HAD ALSO-- I SAID START MY
5 AMENDMENT DELETES ITEM 2 AND DELETES ITEM 3 AND DELETES ITEM 8
6 AND ADDS TO NUMBER-- WELL, BASICALLY, WHAT SHE PASSED OUT IS
7 NOT-- I DON'T THINK WOULD BE APPROPRIATE IN TERMS OF THE WAY
8 THAT-- SINCE THE OTHER ITEMS-- ISSUES HAVE BEEN COVERED. THAT
9 SHE PASSED OUT. SOME OF IT WAS CONTRARY TO WHAT I WAS SAYING,
10 RIGHT. JUST IGNORE WHAT SHE PASSED OUT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IGNORE YOUR MOTION?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** IGNORE THAT. MY MOTION IS-- THROW THAT AWAY. MY
15 MOTION IS TO DELETE ITEM 2, DELETE ITEM 3, DELETE ITEM 8, AND
16 TO ADD THAT, ON AN ADDITION WHICH IS 10, THAT ALL OF THE
17 FOREGOING SHOULD APPLY IN THE EVENT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING-
18 HARBOR HOSPITAL SHOULD FAIL TO MEET C.M.S. CONDITIONS OF
19 PARTICIPATION AND/OR SHOULD THE BOARD BE REQUIRED TO CLOSE THE
20 HOSPITAL IN THE INTEREST OF PATIENT SAFETY.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** REPEAT THAT AGAIN. ALL THE
23 FOREGOING WOULD WHAT?

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD ONLY APPLY IN THE EVENT THE HOSPITAL SHOULD
2 FAIL TO MEET-- SHOULD THE HOSPITAL FAIL TO MEET C.M.S.
3 CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION OR SHOULD THE BOARD BE REQUIRED TO
4 CLOSE THE HOSPITAL IN THE INTEREST OF PATIENT SAFETY.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT YOU ADDED ONTO MY ORIGINAL
7 MOTION.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** EXCEPT THAT THE FOREGOING WOULD
12 ONLY APPLY BUT SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE IN THE FOREGOING
13 ARE PREPARATORY THINGS THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO HAVE THEM DO AND
14 NOT HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AUGUST 15TH TO DO. SO I THINK THAT
15 MAYBE...

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** IT SHOULD BE APPLIED TO ONLY-- WHAT I WANT TO DO
18 IS MAKE SURE WE GET THIS CONCEPT IN THERE, THAT WE ARE NOT
19 JUST MOVING FORWARD AND CLOSING THE HOSPITAL BUT THAT WE ARE
20 MOVING FORWARD TO TRY TO CONTINUE WITH THE SURVEY AND THAT
21 WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING PRECIPITOUS IN TERMS OF TRANSFERRING
22 EMPLOYEES.

23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T YOU SAY THE FOREGOING
2 WOULD BE EXECUTED-- ACTUALLY, EVEN THAT WOULDN'T-- IT WOULDN'T
3 WORK. BECAUSE THERE'S SOME THINGS THAT YOU WANT TO DO NOW.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT. THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT WE WOULD DO NOW,
6 BUT I DON'T THINK THAT TRANSFERRING EMPLOYEES, BECAUSE IT'S
7 NOT CLEAR WHETHER...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, HOW ABOUT BEGINNING
10 NEGOTIATIONS WITH AREA HOSPITALS, FOR EXAMPLE? YOU'D WANT TO
11 DO THAT NOW, WOULDN'T YOU?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH NEGOTIATING WITH
14 HOSPITALS. BUT WHEN-- LET ME START...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WOULDN'T IT BE SIMPLER JUST TO HAVE THE
17 DEPARTMENT EVALUATE BOTH MOTIONS AND SEE WHAT OVERLAPS AND
18 WHAT DOESN'T AND COME BACK TO US?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT WE, FIRST OF ALL, WE'VE
21 HAD INDICATIONS FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL AS RELATED TO ITEMS 2
22 AND 3.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAROL?

25



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1 **CAROL MEYER:** YOU KNOW, SUPERVISORS, I THINK THAT SUPERVISOR
2 BURKE'S POINT IS VERY CRITICAL BECAUSE I HAVE, AS THE DIRECTOR
3 OF THE E.M.S. AGENCY, EXPERIENCED THE CLOSURE OF 10 HOSPITALS
4 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS SOON AS THESE PROCESSES START,
5 EMPLOYEES ARE GOING TO LOOK AT THIS AS A REAL IMPORTANT REASON
6 TO LEAVE. THEY HAVE TO PAY THEIR BILLS. THEY ARE GOING TO LOOK
7 AT THE FACT THAT THE SUPERVISORS HAVE MADE A STATEMENT ABOUT
8 MOVING FORWARD AND I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE TO DO THAT BUT
9 IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU HAVE MADE THE STATEMENTS THAT WE ARE
10 GOING TO GO THROUGH WITH THE C.M.S. REVIEW, BECAUSE I AM VERY
11 FEARFUL THAT THIS HOSPITAL IS GOING TO BECOME DESTABILIZED
12 BECAUSE STAFF WILL LEAVE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** JUST THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU MAKE THAT
17 STATEMENT THAT THE SUPERVISOR...

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WE ADDED THAT TO MY MOTION.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, TO MAKE WHAT DISTINCTION?
22 WHAT ARE YOU-- WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? SHOULD WE NOT COMMENCE-- I
23 DON'T WANT TO GO ON YOUR TIME, BUT...

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE STATUS QUO...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON. SHOULD WE NOT COMMENCE
3 THE BEILENSEN HEARINGS OR THE E.M.S. HEARINGS?

4

5 **CAROL MEYER:** I THINK THE PROCESSES THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT
6 HERE, SOME OF THEM HAVE TO GO ON BUT ALL I'M SAYING IS...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH ONES HAVE TO GO ON?

9

10 **CAROL MEYER:** THINGS LIKE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HOSPITAL,
11 THINGS LIKE...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW ABOUT THE BEILENSEN HEARINGS
14 AND THE E.M.S. HEARINGS?

15

16 **CAROL MEYER:** THE EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST IS THAT, WHEN THESE
17 BEGIN TO BE ANNOUNCED, PEOPLE START LEAVING.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T INCLUDE IT IN MY MOTION.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. MS. BURKE, IT'S
22 STILL YOUR TIME.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. YES, AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, WE CAN
25 GET RESPONSE, I THINK, FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND FROM EMERGENCY



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1 SERVICES BECAUSE I DO THINK IT WOULD BE PRECIPITOUS TO
2 INITIATE THE BEILENSEN HEARINGS OR TO GIVE A NOTICE, A 90-DAY
3 NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM. IF YOU GIVE THE 90-
4 DAY NOTICE OF CLOSURE OF THE EMERGENCY ROOM, THAT IS SAYING,
5 WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE IN 90 DAYS. NOW, IF YOU GIVE THE 90-DAY
6 NOTICE OF CLOSURE AFTER YOU'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE
7 EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS AS IT RELATES TO THE C.M.S. SURVEY, BUT
8 THE IMPRESSION YOU ARE GIVING IS THAT, FORGET ABOUT THE
9 SURVEY, FORGET ABOUT TRYING TO DO ANYTHING, WE'RE THROWING OUR
10 HANDS UP AND I THINK THAT IT'S REALLY, FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE,
11 OUR CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, THE PEOPLE IN THE STATE
12 LEGISLATURE, THE GOVERNOR, ALL OF THESE PEOPLE HAVE WORKED
13 VERY HARD TO TRY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT SURVEY AND GIVE IT
14 A CHANCE AND WHAT I DO THINK THAT IT WOULD BE VERY PRECIPITOUS
15 TO GIVE A 90-DAY NOTICE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO JUST-- I THINK SHE'S
18 DONE. THE BEILENSEN IS NOT A PROBLEM BECAUSE THAT'S A TWO-WEEK
19 NOTICE AND WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO MAKE THAT DECISION, SO I
20 DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM REMOVING THAT. I'M MORE FOCUSED ON THE 90
21 DAYS. BUT, YOU KNOW WHAT, IT OCCURS TO ME, BECAUSE OF THE BACK
22 AND FORTH I HAD WITH ALL OF YOU SUNDAY AND YESTERDAY ON THESE
23 QUESTIONS OF THE VOLUNTARY AND INVOLUNTARY, IF WE FAIL TO MEET
24 THE STANDARDS AND THE CONTRACT, BY THE WAY, WILL BE SEVERED
25 BECAUSE WE FAILED TO MEET NATIONAL STANDARDS, IT'S NOT A



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1 FINANCIAL ISSUE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR TO US, THERE'S
2 CONSEQUENCES BUT WE WILL FAIL, WE WILL LOSE THE CONTRACT
3 BECAUSE WE FAILED TO MEET NATIONAL STANDARDS, CORRECT?

4

5 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CORRECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO WHEN THE CONTRACT GETS
8 PULLED, IT'S BECAUSE WE DIDN'T PASS MUSTER. NOW THE QUESTION
9 IS, WHEN WE DON'T PASS MUSTER AND YOU GO TROTTING UP TO
10 SACRAMENTO AND TELL THE D.H.S. DIRECTOR, THE STATE, THAT YOU
11 DON'T BELIEVE YOU CAN OPERATE THIS HOSPITAL SAFELY, IN YOUR
12 PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE HER, OR EITHER OF
13 YOU CAN ANSWER THIS, YOU MAY HAVE SOME OTHER EXPERIENCE,
14 CAROL, I DON'T KNOW, HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE HER TO PULL THE
15 LICENSE INVOLUNTARILY OR TO SUSPEND IT?

16

17 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, IN MY JUDGMENT, I BELIEVE THAT
18 THERE ARE STAFFING ISSUES OR OTHER PROBLEMS THAT COME TO
19 LIGHT. EITHER NOW OR AS A RESULT OF THE C.M.S. SURVEY, THE
20 STATE WOULD TAKE THOSE CONCERNS SERIOUSLY AND THEY'D BE OUT
21 WITHIN A DAY OR A MATTER OF DAYS. IT WOULD BE VERY-- DEPENDING
22 ON THE LEVEL OF URGENCY, THEY WOULD BE OUT VERY QUICKLY.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT WOULDN'T BE A MATTER OF--
25 THEY WOULDN'T TAKE 90 DAYS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SUSPEND THE



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1 LICENSE IF YOU SAID-- IF THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND
2 THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE L.A. COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
3 SAID, "I CAN'T OPERATE THIS HOSPITAL SAFELY IN THE INTERESTS
4 OF PATIENT SAFETY," THEY WOULD NOT TAKE 30, 60 OR 90 DAYS TO
5 DECIDE WHETHER TO ACT ON THE LICENSE, CORRECT?

6

7 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO I THINK THE ANSWER
10 TO THIS QUESTION IS, IF YOU BELIEVE THAT, IF WE PASSED THE
11 FEDERAL C.M.S. STANDARD, WE MEET THE STANDARDS THAT ARE
12 REQUIRED IN JULY AND AUGUST, THEN WE WILL BE ON A ROAD TO
13 RECOVERY. IF WE DON'T MEET IT, WE WON'T NEED AN E.M.S.
14 HEARING, WE'RE GOING TO BE SHUT DOWN MUCH MORE QUICKLY AND
15 MOST LIKELY INVOLUNTARILY, CORRECT? I MEAN, I DON'T THINK THAT
16 YOU GOING UP OR CALLING HER UP AND SAYING, HEY, I GOT A
17 PROBLEM IS A VOLUNTARY REQUEST. IT'S A STATEMENT OF FACT.
18 SHE'S GOING TO HAVE TO ACT AT THAT POINT, CORRECT?

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** THROUGH ONE MECHANISM OR ANOTHER, I BELIEVE
21 THAT'S CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO, AT THAT POINT, IF THERE'S AN
24 INVOLUNTARY SUSPENSION, THERE IS NO BEILENSEN AND THERE IS NO
25 E.M.S. HEARING. AND THAT'S WHAT I WOULD EXPECT WOULD HAPPEN.



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1 BECAUSE, IF THE STATE IS SERIOUS ABOUT WHAT THEY DID LAST WEEK
2 AND IT WASN'T JUST GETTING OUT AHEAD OF THE WAVE, IF THEY ARE
3 SERIOUS ABOUT IT, THEY WON'T WAIT VERY LONG, IT SEEMS TO ME.
4 THEY'VE PUT EVERYBODY ON NOTICE THAT ONCE WE-- ONCE C.M.S.--
5 ONCE WE FAIL TO MEET C.M.S.'S STANDARDS, FEDERAL STANDARDS,
6 THEY WILL COME DOWN ON US LIKE A TON OF BRICKS, I WOULD THINK.
7 THEY MAY NOT EVEN WAIT FOR YOUR CALL AND WE WON'T NEED A
8 PUBLIC HEARING BECAUSE THE SITUATION WILL BE SO ACUTE,
9 PRESUMABLY, I WOULD IMAGINE, THAT IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE TO ME,
10 AS A LAYMAN, SUFFICIENTLY ACUTE, THAT YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO
11 WAIT 90 DAYS OR HAVE A BEILENSEN HEARING OR SEVERAL HEARINGS.
12 IT'S NOT A LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AT THAT POINT, IT'S AN
13 EMERGENCY. AND SO I ACTUALLY THINK THAT, ACTING TODAY,
14 CERTAINLY ON THE BEILENSEN AND MAYBE EVEN ON THE E.M.S.
15 HEARING, AND I'M JUST THROWING THIS OUT FOR CONTEMPLATION, MAY
16 NOT BE NECESSARY, IN AS MUCH AS THOSE HEARINGS ARE NOT GOING
17 TO BE A FACTOR IF THINGS START TO TAIL SPIN EVEN FURTHER THAN
18 THEY HAVE BEEN.

19

20 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** SUPERVISOR, IN RESPONSE TO THAT...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE.

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24 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** TO ME, THIS IS PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD. THIS
25 HOSPITAL NEEDS TO STAND UP TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S COMMENTS,



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1 WHICH I AGREE WITH ABOUT EVERYBODY STANDING UP. THEY'VE GOT TO
2 PASS SURVEY. IF THEY PASS SURVEY, WE'RE LOOKING AT A REBUILD
3 PROCESS THAT WILL TAKE A NUMBER OF YEARS. IT DOESN'T HAPPEN
4 OVERNIGHT. IF WE DO NOT PASS SURVEY, I DO NOT BELIEVE THE
5 HOSPITAL WILL BE SUSTAINABLE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. BUT THE QUESTION BEFORE
8 US RIGHT NOW IS, AT LEAST THAT I'M ASKING, IS WHAT IS YOUR
9 VIEW ON US TODAY INITIATING THE E.M.S. CLOSURE HEARING,
10 WHATEVER THAT IS, THE 90-DAY PROCESS OR THE BEILENSON HEARING
11 TO CLOSE THE HOSPITAL?

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** MY GUIDANCE TO YOU IS THAT WE SHOULD GET TO
14 SURVEY, BECAUSE I THINK, IF WE DON'T PASS SURVEY, THESE
15 LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES WILL BE SUPERFLUOUS. I DON'T THINK WE
16 NEED TO START NOW.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE ANSWER TO MY QUESTION IS,
19 YOU DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL AT THIS POINT TO LAUNCH
20 THAT-- THOSE TWO HEARINGS? IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING? I'M NOT
21 TRYING TO LEAD YOU, I JUST WANT TO GET AN ANSWER, ONE WAY OR
22 THE OTHER.

23

24 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** I DON'T THINK IT IS HELPFUL. YES.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SHE ALREADY GAVE THE ANSWER SO--
2 THE SAME ANSWER.

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4 **CAROL MEYER:** IT DESTABILIZES THE STAFF.

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE COROLLARY, THEN, IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
7 THE TWO MOTIONS, WHAT DO YOU DO NOW TO PREPARE FOR THE
8 POSSIBLE FAILURE OF THE SURVEY? DO YOU DIRECT STAFF TO REDRAW
9 THE LINES? DO YOU DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN THE INFORMAL R.F.P.
10 PROCESS FOR BOTH THE LONG-TERM RECONSTRUCTION OF THE HOSPITAL
11 AND THE SHORT-TERM MOVEMENT OF 48 BEDS TO OTHER. THAT'S THE
12 DIFFERENCE I SEE BETWEEN THE TWO AND ONE IS SAYING, LET'S
13 START THAT RIGHT NOW. DON'T DO THE 90-DAY, DON'T DO THE
14 BEILENSON BUT LET'S START THE PROCESS SO THAT, A MONTH FROM
15 NOW, WE'RE READY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I DON'T THINK THERE'S A
18 DISAGREEMENT ABOUT-- FROM EITHER OF THE FIVE CAMPS HERE ABOUT
19 THAT. I THINK-- I CERTAINLY THINK WE SHOULD, IN THE SPIRIT OF
20 WHAT I SAID IN MY FIRST ROUND, THAT WE SHOULD POSITION
21 OURSELVES TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SHOULD WE NOT MEET
22 FEDERAL STANDARDS, TALKING-- NEGOTIATING WITH HOSPITALS,
23 REDRAWING THE LINES, ALL THOSE THINGS, AMBULANCE, SURFACE
24 AREAS, ALL OF THAT IS APPROPRIATE NOW. YOU DON'T WANT TO START
25 DOING THAT ON AUGUST 16TH. THAT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA. SO MAYBE



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1 THE IDEA WOULD BE FOR YOU GUYS TO TRY TO PUT THAT WITHIN--
2 SYNTHESIZE THESE, AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID AND KNABE SAID,
3 SYNTHESIZE THESE TWO AS YOU WOULD RECOMMEND IT. LET US TAKE A
4 LOOK AT IT, WE'LL HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING, IT'S GOING TO TAKE
5 US A LITTLE BIT HERE, AND MAYBE YOU CAN WORK ON THAT WHILE WE
6 HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN COME BACK TO US WITH A
7 RECOMMENDATION OF SYNTHESIS. IS THAT ALL RIGHT?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** WE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE ONE OTHER CLARIFICATION. I
10 REALLY WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT, FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IS IT
11 YOUR INTENTION TO START IMMEDIATELY REASSIGNING STAFF OR WOULD
12 YOU WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE SURVEY TO REASSIGN STAFF?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU CAN'T DO ANY OF THAT. YOU'D WAIT UNTIL AFTER
15 THE SURVEY, OF COURSE.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I JUST WANTED TO GET A CLARIFICATION ON
18 THAT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I APPRECIATE YOU WANTING TO MOVE THIS FORWARD,
25 AND I THINK YOU'RE CORRECT, LET'S LOOK AT THESE MOTIONS, PUT



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1 THEM TOGETHER AND GET A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE C.A.O.
2 AND D.H.S. UNDERSTAND THESE TO MEAN AND LET US KNOW. BUT,
3 CAROL, I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AND I
4 THINK THAT'S THE CRUX OF THE ISSUE. YOU KNOW, WE'VE DONE
5 EVERYTHING HERE. WE'VE PUT IN MONEY, WE'VE EXHAUSTED POLITICAL
6 CAPITAL, WE'VE INTERVENED, WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING TO DO WHAT
7 NEEDS TO BE DONE. THAT FACILITY, WE'VE PUT IN LOTS OF DOLLARS
8 TO UPGRADE THE FACILITY. WE'VE DONE ALL OF THAT. IT'S PEOPLE
9 NOW. THIS IS ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE ISSUE IS, IT'S LIKE ANYTHING
10 ELSE, YOU KNOW, WHEN A PARENT OR WHEN A TEACHER SAYS, "YOU ARE
11 GOING TO FAIL. UNLESS YOU DO THESE ASSIGNMENTS, YOU ARE GOING
12 TO FAIL THIS CLASS. YOU'RE GOING TO BE SET BACK." A STUDENT
13 DOES ONE THING OR ANOTHER. EITHER THEY DO THESE ASSIGNMENTS
14 AND TAKE IT SERIOUSLY BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO FAIL
15 IF THEY DON'T OR THEY SIT BACK AND THEY FAIL. SO THIS IS ABOUT
16 PEOPLE. AND I NEED-- I HAVE DONE EVERYTHING TO TELL EVERY
17 SINGLE PERSON THERE THAT I'M ON THEIR SIDE. THEY NEED MORE
18 MONEY? YEAH. YOU NEED MORE TRAINING? YOU GOT IT. YOU NEED MORE
19 CONSULTANTS? ANY WHICH WAY. THE PROBLEM IS IS THAT THERE ARE--
20 THESE PEOPLE ARE LETTING US DOWN. I'M NOT THE NURSE THAT
21 TURNED OFF THE MONITOR TO MAKE MY LIFE A LITTLE EASIER. I'M
22 NOT THE NURSE THAT FELL ASLEEP WHILE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE
23 WATCHING PATIENTS. I'M NOT THE NURSE THAT DECIDED TO DENY CARE
24 TO MS. RODRIGUEZ. THERE WERE PEOPLE THERE AND NOT JUST THE
25 NURSE, THE JANITOR AND THE OTHER PEOPLE THAT WALKED AROUND



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1 HER. SO, CONSEQUENTLY, UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE. AND
2 IF THERE IS A PERSON THERE THAT SAYS, "HEY, I'M GETTING OUT OF
3 TOWN, I'M GOING SOMEWHERE ELSE BECAUSE I'VE GOT TO PAY MY
4 BILLS," THEN THAT PROBABLY WASN'T THE KIND OF PERSON YOU
5 WANTED THERE ANYWAY. YOU NEED TO HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO
6 DO JUST LIKE THAT STUDENT. IF I WANT TO PASS, I'M GOING TO DO
7 THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS, AND THAT IS BONING UP, ROLLING UP
8 YOUR SLEEVES AND RECOGNIZING WHAT YOUR REAL OPTIONS ARE. THOSE
9 THAT ARE COASTERS AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL SHOULD NOT BE
10 THERE. WE NEED PEOPLE OF INTEGRITY, WE NEED PEOPLE OF
11 RESPONSIBILITY, WE NEED PEOPLE WHO OWN THEIR DUTY. NO MATTER
12 WHAT IT IS, THEY OWN THEIR DUTY TO PROVIDE SAFE PATIENT CARE.
13 SO I UNDERSTAND YOUR DILEMMA AND, YEAH, IT'S GOING TO CREATE A
14 PROBLEM BUT LET'S FACE IT, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE HERE IS
15 SAFETY AND ACCESS AND YOU CAN'T...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. AND YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, YOU
20 HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE TO DO ALL WE CAN TO PROVIDE
21 SAFETY BUT THEN ACCESS IS THE NEXT ISSUE. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE
22 THAT EVERY SINGLE PATIENT IS PROVIDED A MECHANISM TO ACCESS
23 OTHER FACILITIES THAT WILL BE SAFE AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, THIS
24 COMMUNITY IS NOT-- I MEAN, WE CAN SIT THERE AND SAY ALL WE
25 WANT BUT, AT THE END OF THAT DAY, IF THAT HOSPITAL REMAINS



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1 CLOSED, IT WILL BE MORE THAN AN EYESORE. IT IS GOING TO BE A
2 DEMONSTRATION OF HOW THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FAILED THAT
3 COMMUNITY. SO WE NEED TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN, NOT ONLY TO MAKE
4 SURE WE PASS C.M.S. BUT, SECOND OF ALL, IF, IN FACT, WE SHOULD
5 FAIL, WE'RE GOING TO BE PREPARED TO REOPEN MARTIN LUTHER KING
6 HOSPITAL IN THIS COMMUNITY. SO THAT IS THE CHALLENGE BEFORE
7 US.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. JANSSEN-- DR. CHERNOF
10 AND THEN MR. JANSSEN AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE PUBLIC
11 HEARING.

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** JUST ONE CLARIFICATION. I JUST WANT TO
14 CLARIFY SOMETHING FOR THE RECORD WHICH IS THAT THE URGENT CARE
15 CURRENT IS RUNNING 18 HOURS...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 24.

18

19 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** ...16 HOURS A DAY, NOT 24. SO I STAND
20 CORRECTED AND I JUST...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MR. JANSSEN?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I WANTED TO CLARIFY, BEFORE WE TRIED TO DO
25 THIS, BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS. ONE IS TO COME BACK WITH



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1 AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE TWO MOTIONS ARE, WHICH IS WHAT I
2 HEARD SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAY. I HEARD YOU SAY TRY TO
3 CONSOLIDATE THE TWO. THOSE ARE TWO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THOUGHT, AT ONE POINT OR
6 ANOTHER, SOMEBODY SAID SYNTHESIZE. I DIDN'T THINK I WAS THE
7 FIRST ONE TO USE THAT WORD BUT...

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T MIND BLENDING THEM. I HAVE NO PRIDE OF
10 AUTHORSHIP HERE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON. HANG ON. HANG ON. I WAS
13 ACTUALLY TALKING. [LAUGHTER]

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE-- I'M SORRY. I THINK YOU
16 SHOULD MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO SYNTHESIZE. AND, IF YOU CAN'T, YOU
17 CAN'T BUT, YOU KNOW, WE'LL TELL YOU THAT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND JUST POINT OUT THE DIFFERENCES...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, JUST
22 A CLARIFICATION, MR. ANTONOVICH? MR. JANSSEN AND DR. CHERNOF,
23 THE ISSUE IS, IT'S NOT JUST A MATTER OF SYNTHESIZING THEM SO,
24 POLITICALLY, WE CAN MAKE THEM PALATABLE TO PASS. WE WANT TO
25 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN THE TWO THAT YOU



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1 UNDERSTAND. THIS WOULD CREATE THIS, THIS WOULD DO THIS, THIS
2 WOULD MAKE US DO THIS. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS
3 OF...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, GLORIA...

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** AND YOU MAY WANT TO HAVE A ALTERNATIVE...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ... I KNOW WHAT THE DIFFERENCES
10 ARE. I THINK WE ALL KNOW...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I DON'T EVEN KNOW.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK WE KNOW THE DIFFERENCES
15 AND, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN WHETHER THEY KNOW, THAT'S FINE
16 BUT I KNOW WHAT THE DIFFERENCES ARE. AND THEY'RE SUBTLE BUT
17 THEY'RE DIFFERENCES AND I THINK WE'VE ALL ARTICULATED THEM AT
18 ONE POINT OR ANOTHER. BUT I THINK THE IDEA HERE WOULD BE TO
19 TRY TO GET AS MUCH ON THE SAME PAGE AS POSSIBLE. THE OTHER WAY
20 IS TO JUST PUT THEM UP TO A VOTE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS. I THINK
21 THE BEST THING FOR THE COUNTY IS TRY TO SYNTHESIZE AND BE AT
22 LEAST-- WE'RE NOT THAT FAR APART.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT WE WILL LOOK LIKE WE'RE MILES
2 APART IF WE HAVE TWO 3-TO-2 VOTES HERE. SO THAT'S ALL-- I
3 THINK THAT WAS YOUR INTENTION AND I THINK IT WAS A GOOD ONE.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. CHAIRMAN?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ABSOLUTELY, THAT IS MY INTENT BUT I
8 WANT THE DEPARTMENT AND I WANT MR. JANSSEN TO UNDERSTAND THAT
9 THEY WILL EXPLAIN, BECAUSE I WILL ASK THE QUESTION AS WE GO
10 THROUGH WHAT THAT IMPLICATION IS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THE ULTIMATE DECISION IS NOT
13 GOING TO BE MR. JANSSEN'S. IT'S GOING TO BE OURS. MR. KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I MEAN, I THINK MAYBE TO QUICKLY, TO
16 REDEFINE, BEFORE YOU SYNTHESIZE, IF THERE IS SUPPORT FOR
17 MOLINA'S-- FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S ITEMS 2 AND 3, THEN IT
18 SHOULD MOVE FORWARD. BUT MS. BURKE MADE A MOTION TO ELIMINATE
19 ITEM 2 AND 3. WE COULD TAKE THAT UP RIGHT NOW, TO VOTE ON
20 ELIMINATING 2 AND 3, AND THEN WORK THE MOTION TOGETHER.

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S GOOD.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU CAN'T DO THAT BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT. WE CAN'T DO THAT
2 BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING. SO YOU GUYS CAN CONSIDER THAT...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WAIT A MINUTE. ABSOLUTELY WE CAN THAT ACTION TO
5 ELIMINATE 2 AND 3 BECAUSE THEN THEY HAVE A DOCUMENT TO TALK TO
6 THE PUBLIC.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NOT NECESSARILY, BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE A
9 BROWN ACT VIOLATION.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY BE RIGHT, DON, BUT IT'S
12 NOT CRITICAL. I THINK WE KNOW...

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THEY CAN SET IT UP IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE
15 HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE ON EITHER...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ...THAT IS, ON ITEMS 2 AND 3,
18 THERE IS A CLEAR DECISION THAT HAS TO BE MADE ON WHETHER TO
19 INITIATE THE HEARING...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY. THAT'S HUGE.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE SHERIFF HAS LEFT THE BUILDING.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ARMY HAS CHANGED BATTLEFIELDS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, BOY. I GOT TO TELL YOU, ONLY
3 IN AMERICA. ONLY IN AMERICA WOULD PARIS HILTON TRUMP
4 HEALTHCARE. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** IS SHE HERE?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE JUST WENT OUT FOR A BALONEY SANDWICH, GUYS. [
11 LAUGHTER]

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. I'M NOT FAULTING
14 HIM. I'M FAULTING THE CAMERAS. BUT THEY-- LOOK, I UNDERSTAND.
15 IT'S THE AMERICAN WAY. ALL RIGHT. SO WE'RE GOING TO GO TO THE
16 PUBLIC HEARING NOW AND YOU GUYS CAN... (OFF-MIKE). LET'S DO A
17 MINUTE EACH. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE QUITE A FEW PEOPLE WHO WANT TO
18 BE HEARD AND WE HAVE QUITE A FEW OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.
19 YOU'RE COMING. HANG ON. I APPRECIATE IT. BELIEVE ME, I
20 APPRECIATE IT. THE FIRST PERSON I WANT TO CALL IS
21 REPRESENTATIVE OF ASSEMBLYMAN, MERVYN DYMALLY, JASMYNE
22 CANNICK. AND THEN I'LL ASK DR. MURPH-- IN FACT, WHY DON'T YOU
23 COME DOWN HERE NOW, REVEREND MURPH. AND THEN COLIMBA AVENA AND
24 CELES KING.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S... COLIMBA AVENA.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, IT'S THE WAY IT WAS WRITTEN.
4 I'M SORRY. COLIMBA AVENA. I'M SORRY. LOOKS LIKE AN "R" TO ME.
5 ALL RIGHT. MRS. AVENA. THERE'S A SEAT RIGHT HERE AND WE'LL--
6 OKAY. MS. CANNICK? GOOD MORNING-- GOOD AFTERNOON.

7

8 **JASMYNE CANNICK:** GOOD MORNING CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISOR BURKE,
9 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JASMYNE
10 CANNICK. I'M AN ADVISOR TO ASSEMBLYMEMBER MERVYN DYMALLY, 52ND
11 DISTRICT, ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSEMBLY HEALTH COMMITTEE. ONE
12 OF THE FIRST THINGS I WANT TO SAY ON HIS BEHALF IS THAT HE'S
13 GOING TO BE WORKING WITH YOU GUYS AND WORKING WITH THE STATE
14 TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO TRY AND KEEP THE HOSPITAL OPEN.
15 HE DOES NOT WANT TO SEE THIS HOSPITAL CLOSED. ONE OF THE
16 THINGS THAT IS IN MOTION RIGHT NOW GOING ON IN SACRAMENTO IS
17 HE'S AMENDED A BILL. THE NUMBER IS A.B.-55, IN CASE ANYONE'S
18 INTERESTED, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S UP ON THE INTERNET YET,
19 THAT WOULD GIVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE AUTHORITY TO
20 CREATE A HEALTH AUTHORITY TO SORT OF OVERSEE THE KING HOSPITAL
21 AND IT WOULD BE A 12-MEMBER BOARD. WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE IS THAT
22 THE GOVERNOR WOULD HAVE AN APPOINTEE, THE SPEAKER WOULD HAVE
23 AN APPOINTEE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE, THE
24 L.A. COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, DREW UNIVERSITY AND THE
25 COMMITTEE WOULD APPOINT A MEMBER AND THEN THERE WOULD BE FIVE



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1 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IN
2 ADDITION, HE'S ALSO LOOKING INTO HAVING THE STATE DEPARTMENT
3 OF PUBLIC HEALTH APPOINT A TEMPORARY HEALTH MANAGER TO OVERSEE
4 THE HOSPITAL AND, BESIDES THAT, HE'S JUST SORT OF EXHAUSTING
5 ALL POSSIBILITIES FROM THE STATE SIDE TO SEE WHAT HE CAN DO TO
6 HELP WITH THE SITUATION BUT HE WANTED TO MAKE IT PERFECTLY
7 CLEAR THAT HE IS IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE HOSPITAL GOING AND
8 OPEN FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO NEED THOSE SERVICES.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. MURPH.
12 APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE, SIR.

13

14 **DR. FREDERICK MURPH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
15 OPPORTUNITY AND TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS. I'M SITTING HERE IN A STATE OF SHOCK. WE'VE BEEN
17 SITTING HERE SINCE ABOUT 9:00 THIS MORNING BECAUSE WE ARE
18 CONCERNED ABOUT THE FATE OF M.L.K. I'VE LISTENED TO THE
19 COMMENTS MADE BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND OTHERS THIS MORNING AND
20 I'M CONCERNED THAT, EVERY TIME I HERE SOMEONE MAKE A COMMENT,
21 THE ASSUMPTION IS ALREADY MADE THAT THE HOSPITAL WILL BE
22 CLOSED. I HAVE NOT HEARD YOU SPEND MUCH TIME ON TALKING ABOUT
23 RESOLVING THE ISSUES AND THE PROBLEMS THAT HAVE CAUSED THIS
24 SITUATION TO TAKE PLACE. WHEN I LOOK AT THE FACT THAT YOU
25 HIRED NAVIGANT AND PAID THEM, SOME SAY 18 MILLION, SOME SAY 20



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1 MILLION, SOME SAY 20 MILLION PLUS, AND NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN WE
2 FIND OURSELVES IN THE SAME CONDITION OR SITUATION THAT WE
3 FOUND OURSELVES IN PRIOR TO HIRING THEM, THAT'S LIKE MONEY
4 THROWN DOWN THE DRAIN. THEN WE LOOK AT THE IMPACT, THE IMPACT
5 OF A CLOSURE. AND I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO
6 CAREFULLY EXAMINE. MS. MOLINA SAYS THAT SHE'S CONCERNED ABOUT
7 PATIENT SAFETY. WE'RE ALL CONCERNED ABOUT PATIENT SAFETY.
8 YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE CONCERNED ABOUT PATIENT SAFETY. NONE
9 OF US WANTS ANYBODY TO DIE AT THAT HOSPITAL OR ANY OTHER
10 HOSPITAL IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE WANT GOOD CARE. WE
11 ALSO KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THE NURSING STAFF THERE ARE WHAT YOU
12 CALL TRAVELING NURSES, WHICH MEANS THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE A
13 PERMANENT STAFF THAT CAN STABILIZE THAT HOSPITAL. WE ALSO KNOW
14 THAT, WHEN YOU LOOK AT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, WHY IS IT THAT
15 ONLY AT M.L.K. DO YOU HAVE THESE PROBLEMS WHILE YOU OPERATE
16 OTHER COUNTY MEDICAL FACILITIES THAT SEEM TO BE OPERATING ON A
17 HIGHER LEVEL? WHY IS THAT? AND THEN LASTLY, LET ME JUST CLOSE
18 OUT BY SAYING THIS, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT OF CLOSURE,
19 A MOTHER CALLED ME THE OTHER DAY WHO IS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE
20 KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER. HER HUSBAND RECENTLY DIED AND THIS
21 WOMAN STARTED OFF AT THE BOTTOM RUNG OF SOCIETY. SHE DECIDED
22 THAT SHE WOULD GET UP AND GO OUT AND GET A JOB. SHE CALLED ME
23 CRYING BECAUSE OF THE FACT SHE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WOULD
24 HAPPEN TO HER AND HER TWO CHILDREN. WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE
25 IMPACT OF MOTHERS AND FATHERS AND THOSE WHO HAVE MORTGAGES,



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1 THOSE WHO ARE SENDING THEIR KIDS TO SCHOOL. ZEV, YOU AND I
2 TALKED NOT LONG AGO AT THE VICE PREMIER OF ISRAEL'S RECEPTION
3 THAT THE MAYOR HAD AND YOU TALKED ABOUT HOW PROUD YOU WERE OF
4 YOUR SON, AND YOU SHOULD BE, BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THESE
5 ARE PEOPLE THAT WORK HARD JUST LIKE WE ALL DO AND EVERYBODY AT
6 THAT HOSPITAL IS NOT LAZY, EVERYBODY AT THAT HOSPITAL DOESN'T
7 HAVE A BAD ATTITUDE. THERE ARE A FEW BAD APPLES AND YOU HAVE
8 THE RESPONSIBILITY TO WEED OUT THOSE APPLES, SOLVE THE
9 PROBLEMS AND LET'S KEEP THIS HOSPITAL OPEN. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, DR. MURPH.
12 COLIMBA AVENA. YOU CAN SIT IN THE MIDDLE, IF YOU'D LIKE. GOOD
13 AFTERNOON.

14

15 **COLIMBA AVENA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS COLIMBA AVENA. MY
16 SISTER IS THE ONE THAT PASSED AWAY AT THE HOSPITAL, AND MY
17 CONCERN WAS WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE WITH THIS SITUATION ABOUT
18 MY SISTER? I WANTED TO KNOW IF ANYTHING IS GOING TO BE DONE
19 ABOUT HER DEATH BEING AT THE HOSPITAL, SUPPOSEDLY TAKEN CARE
20 OF WHEN YOU GO TO THE EMERGENCY AND NOTHING WAS DONE WITH HER.
21 SO MY THING IS, I WANT ANSWERS TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING TO BE
22 DONE TO HELP OTHERS? IN OTHER WORDS, TOO, I MEAN, IT WASN'T
23 JUST MY SISTER THAT DIED AT THE HOSPITAL. THERE'S BEEN MORE
24 THAT HAVE BEEN, YOU KNOW, NOT TREATED THERE. AND MY CONCERN
25 IS, I MEAN, WHAT IS GOING TO BE DONE WITH THIS? I MEAN, WHAT



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1 CAN WE DO? I'M WILLING TO HELP IN ANY WAY TO DO, SPEAK UP, SAY
2 SOMETHING, YOU KNOW, SO PEOPLE CAN BE HEARD ABOUT. I MEAN, I
3 LOST MY LITTLE SISTER AND THAT AIN'T RIGHT FOR THEM BEING
4 DOCTORS, NURSES OR WHATEVER AT THE HOSPITAL AND NOTHING WAS
5 DONE WITH HER, YOU KNOW? SO I'M JUST CONCERNED OF WHAT KIND OF
6 PEOPLE ARE BEING HIRED AT THE HOSPITAL, YOU KNOW, TO TREAT
7 PEOPLE THAT COME IN SICK THERE?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MRS. AVENA, THE ENTIRE DISCUSSION
10 THAT WE'RE HAVING TODAY AND THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE LAST FEW
11 WEEKS AND THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE IN THE WEEKS AHEAD ARE
12 DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION YOU ASKED AND I THINK WE'RE
13 ALL COMMITTED, IF NOTHING ELSE GOOD CAME OUT OF THIS SITUATION
14 AND NOTHING ELSE GOOD DID COME OUT OF IT, THAT YOUR SISTER--
15 YOUR SISTER'S EXPERIENCE AT THIS HOSPITAL IS MOTIVATING ALL OF
16 US IN A MUCH MORE INTENSIVE WAY TO TRY TO RIGHT THE SHIP OF
17 MEDICAL CARE DELIVERY IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTY. WE ARE-- ALL
18 REGRET VERY MUCH WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SISTER. IT'S A TERRIBLE
19 TRAGEDY FOR HER AND IT'S A SHAME FOR OUR COMMUNITY BUT OUR
20 OBJECTIVE NOW IS TO TRY TO MAKE SOMETHING GOOD COME OUT OF
21 THIS TRAGEDY, AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL HERE FOR. OUR
22 CONDOLENCES ARE OBVIOUSLY VERY HEARTFELT FROM ALL FIVE OF US.

23

24 **COLIMBA AVENA:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE NOT HER DEATH TO BE IN
25 VAIN JUST BECAUSE OF THERE, YOU KNOW, I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO



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1 SAY THAT WORD BUT THE LACK OF MEDICAL SCHOOLING THAT THEY
2 SUPPOSEDLY GOT, YOU KNOW? I DON'T WANT MY SISTER'S DEATH JUST
3 TO BE JUST ANOTHER PERSON. I MEAN, SHE WAS A MOTHER, A SISTER,
4 AN AUNT AND EVERYTHING. AND FOR THEM TO JUST TREAT HER LIKE AS
5 IF SHE WAS NOTHING, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOUR SISTER IS NOT JUST
8 ANOTHER PERSON.

9

10 **COLIMBA AVENA:** I'M HOPING THAT THIS COMES OUT RIGHT, I MEAN,
11 THAT THEY DO DO SOMETHING WITH THIS HOSPITAL, MS. MOLINA.
12 SOMETHING DOES COME OUT RIGHT OUT OF THIS BECAUSE IT AIN'T
13 RIGHT FOR NO MATTER WHAT COLOR, WHATEVER, WHETHER YOU'RE
14 MEXICAN OR WHATEVER, THEY SHOULDN'T TREAT PEOPLE LIKE IF
15 THEY'RE JUST A PIECE OF WHATEVER. I MEAN, JUST LIKE I SAID, IF
16 IT WAS YOUR MOTHER OR SISTER, I MEAN, YOU WOULD-- THERE'S
17 ANGER IN YOU. I MEAN, I'M TRYING NOT TO SAY NOTHING WRONG
18 RIGHT NOW BUT I HAVE A LOT OF ANGER AND HATE IN ME THAT, YOU
19 KNOW, THE WAY SHE WAS TREATED AT THAT HOSPITAL. AND IT WASN'T
20 RIGHT. PEOPLE SAY THAT THEY SHOULD BE STAY OPEN. IT SHOULD
21 STAY OPEN BECAUSE COMMUNITIES DO NEED HOSPITALS THAT ARE GOING
22 TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE BUT NOT LIKE THIS. I MEAN, THEY'VE GOT
23 TO RECOGNIZE THE MISTAKES THAT THEY DID WITH MY SISTER AND
24 THEY HAVE IT ON FILM. THEY HAVE EVERYTHING. I MEAN, THEY CAN'T
25 DENY, OH, IT WASN'T LIKE THIS. I MEAN, THEY CAN MAKE SOME



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1 PEOPLE LOOK, YOU KNOW, OH WELL, CHALK IT UP, IT'S JUST ANOTHER
2 MEXICAN. NO, IT'S NOT GOING TO BE LIKE THAT. LIKE I SAID TO
3 MS. MOLINA, IF I HAVE TO PUSH THIS ISSUE THAT THEY DO CHANGE
4 THE STAFF, THE PEOPLE AT THAT HOSPITAL, FINE. I MEAN, I FEEL
5 BAD THAT THEY'VE GOT TO CLOSE IT DOWN FOR WHATEVER BUT IF WE
6 CAN STOP ANOTHER PERSON FROM DYING, ANOTHER INNOCENT PERSON,
7 ANOTHER MOTHER, SISTER, BROTHER, HUSBAND, I MEAN, THAT WOULD
8 BE MY SISTER'S DEATH NOT IN VAIN.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MS. MOLINA?

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** MS. AVENA, THANK YOU FOR COMING. MS. AVENA CALLED
13 ME YESTERDAY AND WAS VERY NERVOUS ABOUT COMING AND ASKED
14 WHETHER SHE SHOULD COME OR NOT AND I TOLD HER IT WAS UP TO HER
15 AND SHE DECIDED THAT SHE DID WANT TO COME AND SAY SOMETHING.
16 SHE WANTED TO KNOW WHAT DAY IT WOULD CLOSE, BECAUSE INITIALLY
17 SHE WAS SAYING THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS HOSPITAL SHOULDN'T BE
18 ALLOWED TO OPERATE AS IS. BUT I THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
19 SAID IT CORRECT, IT HAS BEEN A CALL TO ACTION FOR EVERY SINGLE
20 ONE OF US, SO I HOPE THAT YOU APPRECIATE THAT WE'RE ALL TRYING
21 TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN SO THAT AN INCIDENT LIKE THE DEATH OF
22 MS. RODRIGUEZ WILL NEVER OCCUR AGAIN AND THAT IS HONESTLY
23 WOULD BE A TRIBUTE, UNFORTUNATELY, TO HER LIFE, BUT I KNOW
24 THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD WANT. ONE OF THE THINGS
25 THAT WE'VE NOT DONE AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET TO YOU, IS AN



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1 ISSUE OF THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN
2 SINCE THAT TIME. THERE HAVE BEEN PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN
3 DISMISSED AND DISCIPLINED AND I THINK THAT WOULD-- THOSE ARE
4 THE BAD APPLES THAT THE GENTLEMAN BEFORE YOU TALKED ABOUT. AND
5 WE HAVEN'T CLOSED THAT WITH YOU OR ANYONE ELSE BUT MAYBE WE'LL
6 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE SOME OF THAT INFORMATION BUT ALL
7 OF IT IS THE PROCESS. THE DEATH OF YOUR SISTER HAS CALLED US
8 ALL INTO ACTION, ALL FIVE OF US.

9

10 **COLIMBA AVENA:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I FEEL AS STRONGLY AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY
13 MENTIONED, WE ARE SADDENED BY IT BUT IT HAS TOLD US WE NEED TO
14 ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES AND DO ALL WE THAT WE CAN TO FIX THE
15 HOSPITAL AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO KEEP IT GOING BECAUSE, AS
16 YOU SAID, THIS COMMUNITY NEEDS THE HOSPITAL.

17

18 **COLIMBA AVENA:** YES, WE DO, WE NEED IT. I MEAN, WE NEED ANY
19 KIND OF HELP IN THE COMMUNITIES BUT PEOPLE THAT WOULD-- OR
20 DOCTORS WOULD HELP HOW CAN YOU SAY, LIKE, HELP THE PERSON NOT
21 JUST, YOU KNOW, SIT THERE AND GET PAID FOR DOING NOTHING, JUST
22 SITTING THERE ON THEIR... MMM.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I THINK SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS ALWAYS SAID
25 CONSTANTLY IS THAT YOU CAN'T TEACH COMPASSION. HOPEFULLY,



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1 PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE AT THIS HOSPITAL ARE GOING TO
2 BRING THAT IN WITH THEM AS THEY BRING IN THEIR SKILLS AND
3 THEIR TALENT AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT WE HIRED THEM FOR.

4

5 **COLIMBA AVENA:** LIKE I SAY, GOD WILLING THAT MY SISTER'S DEATH
6 WAS NOT IN VAIN FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE. HANG ON ONE
9 SECOND.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU, YOU KNOW, HOW SINCERELY
12 I FEEL HORRIBLE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED. IT WAS A TERRIBLE THING.
13 THE PERSON WHO DID THAT, I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THEM DOING IT. I
14 CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE THAT SOMEONE WOULD ALLOW SOMEONE TO HURT
15 THAT WAY AND I PARTICULARLY CANNOT IMAGINE A PERSON WHO IS
16 SUPPOSED TO BE SAVING LIVES. SO I JUST WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND,
17 WHAT HAPPENED TO HER IS UNACCEPTABLE, IS ABSOLUTELY
18 UNACCEPTABLE AND THINGS HAVE TO CHANGE BUT I REALLY LIKE TO
19 BELIEVE THAT THAT DOES NOT REPRESENT THE ATTITUDE OF MOST OF
20 THE PEOPLE THERE. THAT PERSON WAS CALLOUSED AND UNCARING AND
21 NO ONE WOULD EVER CONDONE OR EVEN HOPE THAT ANYTHING WOULD
22 EVER LIKE THAT HAPPEN AGAIN AND, IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT I
23 CAN DO, YOU CAN BE SURE I'LL MAKE SURE THAT NO ONE ELSE
24 SUFFERS THAT WAY AND THAT THAT HOSPITAL CHANGES AND PROVIDES
25 THE KIND OF CARE IT'S SUPPOSED TO.



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2 **COLIMBA AVENA:** THAT'S WHAT OUR FAMILY, HER SIBLINGS WOULD LIKE
3 TO BE DONE, SOMETHING THAT-- I MEAN, YOU CAN'T EXPLAIN THE
4 HURT, THE MADNESS, THE PAIN THAT THAT HOSPITAL CAUSED US, YOU
5 KNOW?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S RIGHT.

8

9 **ED SANCHEZ:** MY NAME IS ED SANCHEZ.

10

11 **COLIMBA AVENA:** MY BROTHER.

12

13 **ED SANCHEZ:** I'M THE OLDER BROTHER OF CHAVELLA. I CAN'T BELIEVE
14 THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON THERE ON THAT FLOOR. THERE WAS
15 MORE PEOPLE WALKING BY HER AND STUFF AND IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE
16 THAT THAT COULD HAPPEN IN THIS COUNTRY, THAT-- IT'S LIKE, I
17 MEAN, THERE'S JUST NO WORDS TO PUT IT. I'M PICTURING IT IN MY
18 MIND BECAUSE I HAVEN'T SEEN THE VIDEO OR NOTHING AND I DON'T
19 THINK I WANT TO SEE THEM, BUT PEOPLE JUST WALKING BY SOMEONE
20 LAYING DOWN. I WAS TAUGHT, IF SOMEONE FALLS DOWN, HELP THEM
21 UP. IF SOMEONE NEEDS A HAND, GIVE THEM A HAND, BUT YOU CAN'T
22 JUST WALK BY LIKE IF SHE'S AN ANIMAL, YOU KNOW? IT'S-- I DON'T
23 KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE PEOPLE THAT SITTING THERE-- AND
24 THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING THE PEOPLE. I MEAN, I'M WITH MY
25 SISTER. THE COMMUNITY NEEDS A HOSPITAL, BUT THEY NEED CARE. I



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1 MEAN, THEY DON'T-- IT'S JUST A PAYCHECK TO THESE PEOPLE. IF
2 THEY'RE GETTING SCARED AND SAYING, HEY, THEY'RE GOING TO CLOSE
3 DOWN THE HOSPITAL, LET'S GO. LET THEM GO. WE DON'T NEED THEM.
4 WE NEED PEOPLE THAT CARE, CARE ABOUT PEOPLE.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** ABSOLUTELY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU BOTH FOR BEING HERE.

9

10 **COLIMBA AVENA:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE IT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH, AND
13 YOU'RE WELCOME BACK HERE ANY TIME.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND YOU HAVE OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. CELES, HANG ON ONE
18 SECOND. CHRIS EDWARDS, MIGUEL GUZMAN, CARL POPULUS. MR. KING?

19

20 **CELES KING:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. SITTING HERE AND
21 LISTENING TO HER TALKING ABOUT MS. RODRIGUEZ, YOU KNOW,
22 BROUGHT A LOT OF THINGS TO MIND AND A LOT OF PAIN TO ME, ALSO,
23 BUT IT ALSO BROUGHT TO BEAR SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS REALLY
24 IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT IN THIS SITUATION AND THAT IS THAT, WHEN
25 YOU TALK ABOUT PATIENT CARE AT HOSPITALS, THERE ARE THINGS



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1 THAT HAPPEN, UNFORTUNATELY, AT ALL HOSPITALS. TRUE, SOME GET
2 MORE, YOU KNOW, PUBLICITY THAN OTHERS, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY
3 HAPPEN AT M.L.K. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE COMMUNITY AND WE TALK
4 ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY, IF THIS HOSPITAL CLOSED,
5 PEOPLE ARE GOING TO DIE AND WE CANNOT DETERMINE IN WHAT
6 NUMBERS. THEY ARE GOING TO DIE IN TRANSPORT TO SOME OTHER
7 PLACES, THEY'RE GOING TO DIE BECAUSE THEY JUST COULDN'T GET TO
8 A HOSPITAL, ALL RIGHT? WE CANNOT AFFORD THAT. WE CAN'T AFFORD
9 THE ECONOMIC IMPACT, WE CAN'T AFFORD THE PHYSICAL IMPACT IN
10 TERMS OF THE MEDICAL SITUATION AND THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE THAT
11 WE CANNOT AFFORD. WE CANNOT AFFORD THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
12 SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO CONTINUE TO BE INEFFECTIVE
13 LIKE THEY HAVE OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

16

17 **CELES KING:** FOUR YEARS-- JUST GIVE ME TWO MORE SECONDS. FOUR
18 YEARS AGO, THEY CASCADED EMPLOYEES OUT OF THE HOSPITAL. THIS
19 HOSPITAL HAS BEEN ON A DOWNHILL SLIDE EVER SINCE BECAUSE EVERY
20 MAJOR DECISION THEY RECOMMENDED HAS BEEN A FAILURE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU, CELES. CHRIS
23 EDWARDS, YOU'RE NEXT, AND LET ME JUST CALL LARK GALLOWAY
24 GILLIAM PLEASE TO COME ON DOWN. CHRIS EDWARDS.

25



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1 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. REAL QUICK, WHEN WE DO SEEK
2 R.F.P.S, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WE PUT A BIG BLACK MARK BY THE
3 NAME NAVIGANT AND CAMDEN SO THEY HAVE NO WAY TO AT LEAST
4 PARTICIPATE. I THINK THAT'S THE ONLY FAIR THING WE CAN DO,
5 SINCE THEY ALREADY SHOWED US THEIR INABILITY TO HELP, OKAY?
6 AND I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, SUPERVISOR BURKE, NO
7 DISRESPECT INTENDED, THAT YOU UTTERED THE WORD. MANY, MANY
8 EMPLOYEES FAILED THAT DAY AT KING HARBOR. IT WASN'T JUST THE
9 ONE NURSE. THERE WERE AT LEAST 7 FAILURES OF PEOPLE TO RESPOND
10 AND THERE WERE PROBABLY MANY MORE, BECAUSE I'M SURE IT WAS ALL
11 ABUZZ AT THAT HOSPITAL ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON AND NO ONE DID
12 ANYTHING. SO THERE IS DEFINITELY A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HOW CAN I START SPEAKING WHEN EVERYBODY HAS ALMOST
15 WALKED OUT? I MEAN, LIKE, IS THIS HOW YOU GUYS RUN THIS SHOW?
16 I MEAN, IT'S LIKE, JUST BECAUSE PARIS WENT OUT, I MEAN, THEY
17 WANT TO DO A INTERVIEW WITH PARIS OUTSIDE AND TWO CAMERAS STAY
18 IN HERE AND NINE GO OUTSIDE? I MEAN, IS THIS JUST A SHOW FOR
19 THE COMMUNITY?

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THE CAMERAS ARE NOT-- THEY ACT AT THEIR
22 DISCRETION. WE CANNOT DETERMINE WHEN THEY GO AND WHEN THEY
23 COME.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** BUT WHERE ARE THE OTHER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS?



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, ONE IS RIGHT THERE, HE'S LISTENING TO YOU
3 AND ONE IS RIGHT OVER HERE. SHE'S LISTENING TO YOU SO THEY'RE
4 LISTENING TO YOU.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** OKAY. WELL, I MEAN, THIS IS THE TREATMENT THAT WE
7 GET, I MEAN, BECAUSE WE DON'T COME OUT WITH, YOU KNOW, WE'RE
8 NOT KNOWN. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE COME FROM, THE
9 COMMUNITY WHERE I COME FROM BUT THIS IS THE TREATMENT THAT WE
10 GET EVERYWHERE. AND, YES, WE DO HAVE BAD APPLES, AS YOU CALL
11 THEM, EVERYWHERE AND WE NEED TO TAKE THEM OUT, THE SAME WAY ON
12 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WHEN I WAS JUST IN JAIL JUST THIS
13 SUNDAY, BASICALLY, THEY MISTREATED ME AND THEY DO THIS. ARE
14 YOU GOING TO INVESTIGATE THEM AND THEN KIND OF TRY TO TAKE
15 THOSE BAD APPLES, TOO? I MEAN, WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE
16 OF ALL KINDS OF THINGS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES AND BASICALLY IT
17 IS NOT-- PEOPLE WHO TAKE BEDS IN THE HOSPITALS BECAUSE THEY
18 NEED ATTENTION SOMETIMES, BECAUSE THEY HAVE PSYCHOLOGICAL
19 PROBLEMS AND IT'S BASICALLY WE'RE NOT-- I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL
20 IN DANIEL FREEMAN FOR FOUR HOURS WITH A DISLOCATED SHOULDER,
21 WHICH IT TAKES FIVE MINUTES TO BE ABLE TO PUT IT BACK AND
22 BASICALLY THEY'RE LEAVING ME IN PAIN FOR FOUR HOURS AND
23 THEY'RE GOING TO SEND ME A BILL FOR \$800? AND THEN THEY JUST
24 WANT TO GIVE ME PAINKILLERS? I MEAN, WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT
25 THINGS ON HOW WE COULD SOLVE BASICALLY, LIKE, SIMPLE THINGS ON



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1 WHERE WE COULD SEND PEOPLE HOME RIGHT AWAY. AND, LIKE, WHAT
2 HAPPENED? WE DIDN'T HAVE HOSPITALS BEFORE. WE COMPLETELY--
3 THIS IS SOMETHING NEW THAT HAS COME TO THIS GENERATION. WE
4 HAVE TO GO BACK INTO NATURAL WAYS OF HEALING OUR BODY, INTO
5 BASICALLY JUST TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S A GOOD POINT. YOUR TIME AS EXPIRED, THOUGH.
8 WE HAVE TO CALL ON THE NEXT PERSON.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BASICALLY, YOU KNOW...

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** MIGUEL GUZMAN. PLEASE COME FORWARD. YES, SIR.
13 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

14

15 **CARL POPULUS:** HI. MY NAME IS CARL POPULUS, KNOWN AS CP ALL
16 THROUGHOUT THE NATION, BASICALLY. YOU KNOW, I GIVE MY
17 CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF THE LADY THAT JUST SPOKE AND
18 ANYBODY ELSE THAT SUFFERED THESE TRAGEDIES. I KNOW WHAT IT
19 FEELS TO LOSE A LOVED ONE BECAUSE I LOST ONE MYSELF. BUT, YOU
20 KNOW, I'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE UNINSURED AND THE
21 UNDERINSURED FOREVER AND I JUST ASKED THAT LADY'S SISTER, WAS
22 SHE UNINSURED AND SHE SAID YEAH. YOU KNOW, WHAT HAPPENS, YOU
23 KNOW, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, FOR PUTTING SOME EXTRA
24 EMPHASIS ON WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE UNINSURED. SEE, WE AIN'T
25 TALKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT DROP FOLKS OFF AND DON'T KNOW



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1 THAT THIS HOSPITAL AIN'T UP AND RUNNING, YOU UNDERSTAND? AND
2 ANOTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, I HAD SO MANY CALLS TELLING
3 ME ABOUT WHAT YOU GUYS DIDN'T DO. IF I'M WRONG, CORRECT ME,
4 HASN'T THIS HOSPITAL AND THAT EMERGENCY ROOM BEEN IN ANOTHER
5 CONTRACT SINCE OCTOBER? IT JUST SO HAPPENED NOBODY CARED TO
6 MENTION THAT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, IT'S UNDER CONTRACT. THE DOCTORS ARE A
9 CONTRACT HOSPITAL.

10

11 **CARL POPULUS:** ALL RIGHT. SO A LOT OF PEOPLE THINK-- I SAY THIS
12 HERE, THAT I DON'T NEVER THINK THAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED ON DR.
13 HARDIN'S SHIFT, YOU KNOW? I KNOW I USED TO GO THROUGH THE
14 HOSPITAL. ANYBODY WOULD TELL YOU, I USED TO WALK THROUGH
15 HUBERT HUMPHREY HOSPITALS AND STUFF TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE
16 UNINSURED PEOPLE ARE BEING-- YOU KNOW, LIKE, SAY SOMETHING,
17 YOU KNOW? BUT WHEN PEOPLE LOOK AT C.N.N. AND SEE OTHER PEOPLE,
18 A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T SPEAK FOR ME. AND WHEN THEY SAY, OH,
19 IT'S THE SUPERVISORS-- HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN SAYING THIS
20 ABOUT THIS HOSPITAL, THAT IT WAS COMING TO THIS? I SAY TO THE
21 PUBLIC, WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT CLOSE DOWN THE HOSPITAL AND STUFF,
22 YOU HAVE TO THINK, I JUST WENT TO A HOMELESS MAN THAT GOT
23 KILLED THE OTHER DAY AND THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW LONG IT
24 TOOK TO GET THE PARAMEDICS AND STUFF. I SAY THIS HERE, IF I
25 HAD WENT TO MEDICAL SCHOOL AND HAD ALL THESE MEDICAL BILLS AND



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1 STUFF, I REALLY DON'T KNOW IF I WOULD WANT TO BE AT THESE
2 HOSPITALS. I SAY THAT IT'S TIME FOR US TO REALLY TAKE IT
3 SERIOUS. WE GOING TO HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE DYING, YOU MIGHT AS
4 WELL PUT A ROPE ON THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE PEOPLE IS GOING TO BE
5 LAYING ON THE SIDEWALK, ON THE STREET AND STUFF AND, WHEN WE
6 GO TO OTHER HOSPITALS, I'M JUST TELLING YOU, THEY'RE NOT AS
7 SENSITIVE AS THAT HOSPITAL BEEN SO I JUST PRAY AND HOPE THAT,
8 ON BEHALF OF THE UNINSURED AND THE UNDERINSURED, THAT WE TAKE
9 ANOTHER LOOK AT THIS BECAUSE EVERYBODY'S DISCUSSING THIS STUFF
10 BUT WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THAT. AND, IN CLOSING, I WOULD
11 LIKE TO SAY THIS. YEAH, I MIGHT FIGHT FOR THE UNINSURED AND
12 THE PEOPLE DIVORCES AND STUFF LIKE THAT BUT I WANT TO FEEL
13 REAL BAD, IT DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE WHETHER YOU'RE INSURED
14 OR NOT IF YOU GO IN AND THE DOCTORS GONE, SO WE'RE RUNNING
15 DOCTORS AWAY FROM HERE AND WE DON'T NEED THAT RIGHT NOW. THANK
16 YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** WILLIAM HOBSON AND LYNN KERSEY. LARK-- I'M SORRY.
19 GALLOWAY GILLIAN, WOULD YOU START WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP?

20

21 **LARK GALLOWAY GILLIAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MY NAME IS LARK
22 GALLOWAY GILLIAM AND I DO ACTUALLY HAVE SOME WRITTEN TESTIMONY
23 BUT, IN THE INTERESTS OF TIME, I WILL SORT OF BYPASS THAT. I
24 WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD NOT TO ACT IRRATIONALLY, NOT TO
25 ACT FOR THE SAKE OF ACTING. YOU HAVE BOTH TIME BUT YOU DO NOT



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1 HAVE THE FACTS. YOU NEED TO MANAGE THIS CRISIS. YOU DON'T HAVE
2 SUFFICIENT DATA OR EVIDENCE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE CLOSURE
3 WILL IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE. PART OF THE TESTIMONY IS A
4 REPORT FROM THE ANNALS OF EMERGENCY MEDICINE THAT INDICATES,
5 WHEN A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM CLOSURES, THE IMPACT ON OTHER
6 HOSPITALS. YOU DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT DATA THAT THE CURRENT
7 TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR WHICH YOU ARE RELYING SO MUCH OF YOUR PLAN
8 IS WORKING TO PROTECT PATIENT SAFETY AND THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE
9 PROPOSING. YOU NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THOSE
10 PATIENTS WHEN THEY GET TRANSFERRED, ARE THEY STABLE AND WHAT
11 ARE THE RESULTS? WE DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. ACCESS IS
12 AS MUCH AS FACTOR IN ACCESSING QUALITY AS SOME OF THE DRAMATIC
13 INCIDENTS WE'VE SEEN. PROBLEMS IN THE E.R. ARE NEW, AND I HAVE
14 TO ASK THE QUESTION, IS THIS A RESULT OF THE CONTRACTING
15 DECISION THAT YOU MADE EARLIER IN THE YEAR? YOU DON'T KNOW
16 ANYTHING ABOUT THE OTHER PROVIDERS' WILLINGNESS TO TAKE OVER
17 THIS HOSPITAL BUT THIS IS THE PREMISE ON WHICH YOU BEGIN TO
18 ESTABLISH YOUR PROPOSAL AND THE PROMISE YOU ARE MAKING TO THE
19 COMMUNITY. YOU DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THE STATE AND FEDERAL
20 PROCESS TO ACT BUT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT TIMELINES. YOU SAY YOU
21 SHOULD-- SHOULD THEY FAIL, THE ONLY OPTION IS CLOSURE,
22 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, BUT THIS CAN'T SIMPLY BE ABOUT
23 CLOSURE. I THINK ONE OF THE MOTIONS INDICATES THAT THERE'S A
24 POSSIBILITY OF THE OPTION OF U.C.L.A. HARBOR TAKING OVER THIS



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1 HOSPITAL. WHY ISN'T THAT BEING CONSIDERED? YOU NEED A PLAN TO
2 PASS...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS PART OF THE-- IT IS ONE OF
5 THE OPTIONS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED. IT IS PART OF THE
6 DIRECTOR'S CONTINGENCY PLAN. I THINK YOU KNOW THAT. I THINK
7 HE'S DISCUSSED IT WITH YOU, AS A MATTER OF FACT.

8

9 **LARK GALLOWAY GILLIAM:** I THINK HE TALKS ABOUT ADDITIONAL BEDS.
10 I DON'T SEE, IN HIS PLAN, THE IDEA OF THIS BECOMING A
11 SATELLITE HOSPITAL FOR...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO WRAP
14 IT UP BECAUSE I KNOW YOU...

15

16 **LARK GALLOWAY GILLIAM:** OKAY. SO YOU NEED A PLAN TO PASS THE
17 C.M.S., YOU NEED A PLAN TO TRANSFER THE MANAGEMENT. YOU DO NOT
18 NEED A PLAN FOR CLOSURE. YOU NEED TO PUT EVERY RESOURCE
19 AVAILABLE TO PASS, YOU NEED TO STABILIZE THE STAFF, YOU NEED
20 TO MAKE SURE WHEN THAT REVOCATION NOTICE COMES IN THAT YOU
21 APPEAL THAT SO THAT THAT TIME CLOCK CONTINUES AND, MORE
22 IMPORTANTLY, YOU NEED TO BRING THE STATE AND FEDERAL
23 GOVERNMENT INTO DIALOGUE WITH YOU. THERE ARE TOO MANY
24 UNANSWERED QUESTIONS. WE NEED TO SEE IF THEY HAVE SOME
25 OPTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT DYMALLY HAS SUGGESTED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO ASK
3 YOU-- I GAVE YOU AN EXTRA TWO MINUTES, ACTUALLY. WILLIAM
4 HOBSON. IS HE HERE? LYNN, YOUR NEXT. LET ME JUST CALL A FEW
5 MORE PEOPLE. GERALDINE WASHINGTON. IS SHE HERE? DR. JOYCE
6 HENDERSON. AND CHESTER ALLBRITTOO. IS CHESTER HERE? JOHN
7 HENDERSON? IS JOHN HENDERSON HERE? ARTHURETTE A. RODGERS? IS
8 SHE HERE? CARLYLE JOHNSON? MARK GAMBLE? BINGO. OKAY. LYNN?
9 LYNN KERSEY?

10

11 **LYNN KERSEY:** THANK YOU, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
12 SUPERVISORS. MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ACCESS, WHOM I WORK
13 FOR. MY NAME IS LYNN KERSEY. I URGE YOU TO FOREGO ANY VOTE TO
14 CLOSE MARTIN LUTHER KING HARBOR HOSPITAL UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A
15 SUCCESS IN MEETING FEDERAL C.M.S. CERTIFICATION IS KNOWN. IT'S
16 DISPIRITING, DISHEARTENING, WASTEFUL TO MAKE SUCH PLANS
17 CONCURRENTLY WITH TRYING TO PREPARE TO PASS CERTIFICATION,
18 THAT ALL RESOURCES SHOULD BE UTILIZED TO PASS CERTIFICATION
19 STEPS. AS SOON AS YOU VOTE TO CLOSE, IT STARTS HAPPENING AND
20 WE HEARD THAT OVER AND OVER TODAY. THE LOWEST INCOME PEOPLE IN
21 LOS ANGELES NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THEIR
22 RATES OF CANCER, DIABETES, HEART DISEASE, COMPLEX, HIGH-RISK
23 PREGNANCIES AND LACK OF MEDICAL INSURANCE. RATES ARE THE
24 HIGHEST IN THE COUNTY. WHERE IS THE CAPACITY GOING TO COME
25 FROM? WE HEARD ABOUT 15% DIVERSION RATES. I'D URGE YOU TO LOOK



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1 MORE CLOSELY AT THAT. I THINK THERE MAY HAVE BEEN A CHANGE IN
2 THE WAY DIVERSION RATES HAVE BEEN MEASURED AND WE NEED TO LOOK
3 AT THE HIGHS AND LOWS AND THE SPECIFIC AREA AROUND KING. I
4 THANK MY SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR RAISING THE ISSUES OF
5 TRANSPORTATION. I CAN DRIVE MY DAUGHTER TO THE HOSPITAL. THE
6 PEOPLE I WORK WITH WHO WALK WHEN THE BUS STRIKE HAPPENED, THEY
7 WALKED FROM DOWNTOWN TO HOLLYWOOD FOR THEIR JOBS, SO THE
8 DIRECTOR'S LETTERS STATES THAT CONTINGENCY PLANS HASN'T BEEN
9 REVIEWED BY CONCERNED PARTIES, INCLUDING ADVOCATES, AND I
10 WOULD ASK YOU TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR TO PLEASE WORK WITH
11 THE COMMUNITY IN THESE PLANS. THE TIME FOR DOING SO IS NOT
12 AFTER IT HAPPENS BUT THE DIRECTOR HAS BEEN VERY RELUCTANT TO
13 TALK TO THE COMMUNITY AND WE THINK THERE ARE SOME GOOD IDEAS
14 OUT THERE AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. GERALDINE WASHINGTON.
17 HANG ON GERALDINE ONE SECOND. IS DR. JOYCE HENDERSON HERE?
18 SHE-- IS IT SHEILAGH POLK? IS THAT YOU? NO. SHEILAGH POLK IS
19 NOT HERE. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ARNOLD SACHS. WOULD YOU GET
20 THE TESTIMONY FROM MS. KERSEY? THANKS. OKAY. MR. GAMBLE,
21 YOU'RE ON.

22

23 **MARK GAMBLE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD
24 AFTERNOON, I'M MARK GAMBLE, REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE
25 HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND I'LL SPARE YOU



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1 MY PREPARED COMMENTS JUST TO CLARIFY THE E.D. NUMBERS THAT WE
2 HAD IN OUR REPORT, THAT IS-- AS DR. CHERNOF POINTED OUT, THAT
3 IS A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE USING E.D. ONLY AND DOES NOT LOOK
4 AT THE URGENT CARE NUMBERS. SO IF YOU ADD THE URGENT CARE
5 NUMBERS ONTO THAT, IT MAKES IT EVEN MORE OF AN IMPACT. BOTTOM
6 LINE IS, THAT REPORT DOES SHOW THAT THERE IS SIGNIFICANT...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT A MINUTE. I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOU JUST SAID.
9 THAT IS JUST THE E.D. NUMBERS?

10

11 **MARK GAMBLE:** E.D. ONLY, RIGHT, AS REPORTED THROUGH THE
12 METROCARE PLAN. THAT'S FOR 2007.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO ARE THOSE WALK-INS OR THOSE JUST THE
15 AMBULANCE?

16

17 **MARK GAMBLE:** THEY'RE BOTH. E.D. VOLUME WALK-IN AND AMBULANCE,
18 IS MY UNDERSTANDING.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO YOU ONLY HAVE 24,000 OF THOSE?

21

22 **MARK GAMBLE:** PROJECTED FOR-- IT WOULD BE PROJECTED FOR 2007.
23 WE HAD-- USING THE O.S.H.P.A.D. DATA IN 2006, THERE WERE
24 47,000 E.D. VISITS.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THEN, THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. ARE
2 YOU SAYING THAT HALF OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE GOING TO THE
3 URGENT CARE WITHOUT EVER GOING TO THE E.D.? DR. CHERNOF SAID
4 THAT WASN'T CORRECT, THEY ALL GO THROUGH THE E.D. FIRST.

5

6 **MARK GAMBLE:** AND IT DEPENDS HOW IT'S REPORTED THEN TO
7 O.S.H.P.A.D.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

10

11 **MARK GAMBLE:** IT DEPENDS HOW IT'S REPORTED TO O.S.H.P.A.D. AND
12 ALSO IN THE METROCARE PLAN.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GIVE HIM AN EXTRA 40 SECOND.

15

16 **MARK GAMBLE:** THANKS.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY.

19

20 **MARK GAMBLE:** THAT'S OKAY. JUST WANT TO SAY, WE DO SUPPORT THE
21 DEPARTMENT'S CONTINGENCY PLAN AND IT'S CALLING FOR THE
22 UTILIZATION OF BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE RESOURCES TO INCREASE
23 CAPACITY AND MAINTAIN THE SAFETY NET. THE PLAN IS VIABLE BUT
24 IT DOES HAVE SEVERAL UNKNOWN CRITICAL FACTORS AND THAT'S
25 INCLUDING THE FACT THAT NO ONE CAN ACCURATELY PREDICT WHERE



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1 WALK-IN PATIENTS WILL GO IN BOTH URGENT AND EMERGENT CARE
2 SITUATIONS. AND, UNLIKE COUNTY HOSPITALS, PRIVATE SECTOR
3 HOSPITALS DO NOT EMPLOY PHYSICIANS. THEY WORK THERE UNDER
4 CONTRACT AND SO THEY ARE-- AND WE'RE UNABLE TO PREDICT HOW
5 DOCTORS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, WHO ALSO SERVE ON ATTENDING
6 STAFFS OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS, WILL REACT TO HAVING TO PROVIDE
7 MEDICAL CARE TO AN EVEN LARGER NUMBER OF UNINSURED AND MEDICAL
8 PATIENTS FROM THE KING HARBOR SERVICE AREA. ACKNOWLEDGING
9 THESE CAVEATS, WE KNOW THIS PLAN WILL BE EXTREMELY CHALLENGE
10 TO GO PULL OFF BUT IT IS EXTREMELY CRITICAL THAT WE DO SO
11 SUCCESSFULLY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. GAMBLE. GERALDINE
14 WASHINGTON, I'M SORRY, YOU WERE NEXT AND I SKIPPED YOU.

15

16 **GERALDINE WASHINGTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
17 GERALDINE R. WASHINGTON. I'M PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES
18 N.A.A.C.P. AND I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY.
19 LAST NIGHT, I PREPARED SPECIAL REMARKS THAT I WANTED TO BRING
20 BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUT, TODAY, IT IS ALL ABOUT
21 THE CONTINGENCY PLAN. THE CONTINGENCY PLAN THAT HAS
22 CONTINGENCIES THAT CONTINUE TO HAVE CONTINGENCIES. HAVING
23 TROUBLE GETTING THROUGH MY-- SO IT'S URGENT AND IT'S CRITICAL
24 THAT EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THESE CONTINGENCY PLANS BE DONE IN
25 GOOD FAITH AND WITH GOOD INTENTIONS, NOT JUST ON PAST



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1 CRITICISMS, WHICH I SEEM TO HEAR CREEPING IN. WHAT CONCERNS ME
2 IS, IS THERE REALLY A DESIRE TO TRULY RESTORE SERVICES TO KING
3 HARBOR HOSPITAL? OR KING HARBOR-- I LIKE TO SAY KING DREW
4 HARBOR HOSPITAL. I THINK THAT, UNLESS WE ARE COMMITTED, UNLESS
5 YOU ARE COMMITTED, THAT THE HOSPITAL, IF IT CLOSES, WILL NEVER
6 OPEN AGAIN AND THAT IS WHY I THINK SOME OF YOU, AND ESPECIALLY
7 MY SUPERVISOR, SUPERVISOR BURKE, UNDERSTANDS THAT IT'S NOT
8 EASY. ONCE YOU TEAR SOMETHING DOWN, IT'S MORE DIFFICULT TO PUT
9 IT BACK. SO I IMPORE YOU TO BE VERY CONCERNED, TO WEIGH AND
10 CONSIDER THE DECISIONS THAT YOU ARE MAKING ABOUT THE LIVES OF
11 THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY AND IN LOS ANGELES. ACTUALLY, THIS
12 IS A CALIFORNIA PROBLEM, IT'S A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROBLEM,
13 IT'S A LOS ANGELES PROBLEM AND IT IS ALL OF OUR PROBLEM AND I
14 CERTAINLY HOPE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE MAGNITUDE OF IT. I'LL BE
15 BACK WITH MORE PREPARED COMMENTS, WHICH I HAD INTENDED TO
16 PRESENT YOU WITH TODAY BUT, BECAUSE OF THE CHANGE IN THE
17 DISCUSSION, I CHANGED.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL.

20

21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. GOOD-- WERE YOU GOING TO CALL ON
22 SOMEBODY ELSE?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. ACTUALLY, THANK YOU. HANG ON A
25 SECOND. MICHAEL HICKEY? IS MICHAEL HICKEY HERE? COME ON DOWN.



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1 AND MICHAEL HOWARD? ALL RIGHT. THERE'S A SEAT FOR YOU DOWN
2 HERE. OKAY. THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL.

3

4 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE
5 CLAVREUL. I AM VERY DISAPPOINTED OF THE AMENDMENT THAT
6 SUPERVISOR BURKE IS MAKING TO THE MOTION OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA
7 AND ANTONOVICH. I FELT THIS WAS A VERY WELL THOUGHT OUT
8 MOTION. TO TAKE STEPS TO GET PREPARED DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE
9 TO ACT ON IT, YOU KNOW? WE ALL GET PREPARED FOR EARTHQUAKES,
10 WE HAVE FOOD READY. THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN
11 EARTHQUAKE TODAY AND I THINK THOSE MOTIONS WAS VERY SPECIFIC
12 ON MAKING PLANS FOR THINGS TO HAPPEN. THAT DIDN'T MEAN WE HAD
13 TO ASSUME THOSE PLANS. YOU KNOW, FOREVER, I HAVE BEEN A STRONG
14 OPPONENT OF A HEALTH AUTHORITY AND I THINK THE TIME HAS COME
15 FOR THAT. AND I THINK THE ISSUES WE ARE HAVING NOW WOULD HAVE
16 NEVER HAPPENED IF WE TRULY HAD FOLLOWED THE BLUE RIBBON
17 COMMISSION, AS WELL AS THE GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATION TO DO A
18 HEALTHCARE AUTHORITY. PERSONALLY, I DO NOT AGREE TO HAVE A
19 STATE AUTHORITY. I THINK IT'S TOTALLY INAPPROPRIATE. WE ARE
20 LOCAL HERE, WE HAVE THE COUNTY AND YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY
21 FOR THE COUNTY, SO I DON'T HAVE NO DESIRE TO SEE THE STATE
22 PUSH US TO DO A HEALTH AUTHORITY BUT I THINK, IF WE CARE ABOUT
23 THE PATIENTS IN THIS COUNTY, WE SHOULD DO IT. I THINK WE ARE
24 GOING TO HAVE A CASCADE ACTION. IF WE REMOVE SOME OF THE
25 EMPLOYEES FROM KING/DREW TO PUT IN OTHER HOSPITALS, HOW ARE WE



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1 SURE THAT THOSE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO PERFORM AND NOT DESTROY
2 THAT? THAT'S ONE OF MY BIG CONCERNS WHICH I HAVE NOT BROUGHT
3 AT ALL TODAY. I HAVE TWO LETTERS FOR YOUR PURVIEW HAVING TO DO
4 WITH THE ISSUES OF TODAY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL TAKE THAT FROM YOU.
7 THE SECRETARY WILL TAKE THAT. ARNOLD SACHS.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
10 ARNOLD SACHS. I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE CONTINGENCY PLAN ON
11 TWO FRONTS. ONE, THERE'S NO PART IN THE CONTINGENCY PLAN THAT
12 MAKES ANY EFFORT TO OPEN UP ANY KIND OF COUNTY HEALTH CLINICS
13 AND SEE IF THAT WOULD ALLEVIATE ANY OF THE PROBLEMS OR ANY OF
14 THE NUMBERS THAT WILL FACE THE EMERGENCY ROOM ONCE THIS
15 OVERFLOW OF PATIENTS COMES THERE. AND, NUMBER TWO, THE PERSON
16 MAKING THE CONTINGENCY PLAN, DR. CHERNOF, IF HE HAD FOLLOWED
17 THROUGH ON THE METROCARE PLAN, WHICH THE INITIAL FOOTPRINT WAS
18 TO RE-HIRE AND RE-INTERVIEW ALL THE STAFF MEMBERS, BECAUSE I
19 THINK THAT THE MAIN CONCERN IN THIS SITUATION THEY'RE IN RIGHT
20 NOW IS TO FIND OUT THAT THE STAFF MEMBERS THAT WERE AT M.L.K.,
21 60% OF THEM WERE FAILING QUALIFICATION TESTS AND QUALITY OF
22 THE STAFF MEMBERS, ACCORDING TO THE LETTER THAT DR. CHERNOF
23 HANDED OUT ON JUNE 12TH, THE STAFF MEMBERS THAT ARE WORKING AT
24 M.L.K. WERE INTERVIEWED AND PASSED STANDARDS SET BY THE
25 DEPARTMENT'S EXPECTATIONS AND WERE INTERVIEWED BY TEAMS OF



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1 CLINICAL COUNTERPARTS FROM HARBOR AND OTHER HOSPITALS. THERE'S
2 A REAL PROBLEM THERE BECAUSE, IF THAT PART HAD BEEN FOLLOWED
3 THROUGH ON THE METROCARE PLAN, THEN I BELIEVE THAT QUALITY
4 STAFF WOULD HAVE BEEN HIRED. IF THERE WAS A QUALITY STAFF THAT
5 WAS HIRED, WHAT WAS THE QUALITY STAFF THAT WAS AVAILABLE?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SACHS, THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS
8 UP.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I JUST SAY, MR. SACHS, YOU'RE RIGHT ON.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** ONE OTHER THING, IF YOU DON'T MIND.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, WELL--

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** IT'S CALLED KILLER DREW HOSPITAL SO QUALITY CARE
17 IS AN ISSUE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MICHAEL HICKEY, YOU'RE NEXT AND IF
20 I COULD JUST ASK MORRIS GRIFFIN. IS HE HERE? COME ON DOWN. AND
21 YVONNE LAROSE. IS SHE HERE? COME ON DOWN. MR. HICKEY?

22

23 **MICHAEL HICKEY:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS MICHAEL HICKEY. I'M A
24 RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY AND A CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGIST. I ALSO
25 HAPPEN TO WORK FOR D.H.S., ALTHOUGH I'M NOT HERE IN THAT



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1 CAPACITY. I WANT TO APPLAUD SUPERVISOR BURKE'S CALL TO FORGE
2 AHEAD WITH THE EFFORTS TO PASS THE C.M.S. SURVEY IN AUGUST,
3 REGARDLESS OF WHAT DECISION YOU MAKE REGARDING CONTINGENCY
4 PLANNING TODAY. THERE IS STILL A MISSING PIECE IN THE EFFORTS
5 TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AT KING/DREW. THAT MISSING PIECE IS THE
6 INSTITUTIONAL CULTURE. AS SUPERVISOR MOLINA SAID EARLIER, IT
7 IS ABOUT THE PEOPLE. THERE'S BEEN A HISTORY OF TALKING ABOUT
8 THAT CULTURE HERE IN THIS ROOM BUT NOBODY HAS REALLY SAID WHAT
9 THAT CULTURE IS AND IT'S TIME TO INVESTIGATE WHAT THE
10 INSTITUTIONAL CULTURE IS AND HOW IT CAN BE TURNED TO THE
11 ADVANTAGE OF OUR EFFORTS AT KING/DREW. AS THE UNION
12 REPRESENTATIVE SAID LAST WEEK, IF 60% OF THE L.V.N.S FAILED
13 THEIR INITIAL BASIC SKILLS TEST, THEN THE PROBLEM GOES BEYOND
14 THE INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE INVOLVED. THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THE
15 SYSTEM, IT'S A CULTURAL PROBLEM, AND WE NEED TO DO SOME RAPID
16 ASSESSMENT STYLE RESEARCH TO UNDERSTAND HOW STAFF PERCEIVES
17 THE SITUATION AND USE THAT KNOWLEDGE TO BUILD MORALE AND
18 ENCOURAGE STAFF TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN LEARNING SO THAT
19 QUALITY OF CARE IS NOT JUST SOMETHING YOU CRAM TO PASS A TEST
20 BUT A STANDARD OF OPERATING PROCEDURE AND A CORSET OF VALUES
21 WORTHY OF THE MAN FOR WHOM THE HOSPITAL WAS NAMED.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MICHAEL HOWARD.

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1 **MICHAEL HOWARD:** YES. I JUST WANT TO SAY BRIEFLY, I WAS THE
2 FIRST TRAUMA COORDINATOR AT MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL IN
3 1976 AND I ALSO HELPED TO WRITE THE INTERN RESIDENCY PROGRAM
4 AND I'VE HAD TO GO BACK OVER THE YEARS, NOT IN THE LAST FEW
5 YEARS, TO DO TRAINING PROGRAMS THERE. THERE'S ONE THING THAT I
6 KNOW FOR SURE, THE HOSPITAL IS NOT GOING TO CHANGE. AND THE
7 REASON IT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE, YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
8 ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT PROCESS. SO I DON'T SEE HEALTHCARE--
9 COUNTY HEALTHCARE DOING ANYTHING. WHAT I RECOMMEND, AND I'M
10 FAMOUS FOR THIS AROUND THE UNITED STATES, TRANSITION PROGRAM.
11 LET'S JUST TRANSITION THE HOSPITAL TO ANOTHER SERVICE PROVIDER
12 RIGHT NOW. YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE ME TO DO THAT? 60
13 DAYS, INCLUDING YOUR PROVIDING AN EMERGENCY R.F.P. WE CAN GET
14 THAT DONE NOW AND THERE'S NO PROBLEM AND WE'LL STRAIGHTEN OUT
15 THE PROGRAM. THAT INCLUDES COST REVISALS, REIMBURSEMENT
16 FORMULAS, ALL THE REST OF THOSE THINGS. SO FAR AS TO WHETHER
17 OR NOT YOU WOULD GET INTO SUSPENSION OF REVOCATION, I'M NOT
18 EVEN WORRIED ABOUT THAT. I KNOW WHERE O'MELVENY AND MYERS IS
19 LOCATED AND LATHAM AND WATKINS. I COULD TIE IT UP FOR 90 YEARS
20 IN COURT AND WE COULD GO AHEAD WITH THAT. SO I WANT TO URGE
21 YOU TO GO FORWARD. LET'S MAKE A DECISION NOW. MAYBE NEXT WEEK,
22 I COULD BRING IN A PLAN, LET'S TRANSITION IT, PUT IN A
23 TRANSITION TEAM AND LET'S GET THERE AND GET IT OVER WITH.
24
25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.



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2 **MICHAEL HOWARD:** AND I'LL JUST MAKE ONE LAST COMMENT AND I
3 ALWAYS AM REMINDED OF THIS, I SAY, LET'S NOT BE LIKE DR.
4 KEVORKIAN. LET'S BE LIKE DR. HOUSE. LET'S GET THE PATIENT
5 GOING, ALIVE AND WELL AND THEN MAYBE THE PATIENT CAN HELP
6 OTHER PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GREAT. THANK YOU. SYLVIA DREW
9 IVIE. IS SHE HERE? AND NAJEE ALI AND MR. GRIFFIN.

10

11 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M
12 MORRIS GRIFFIN, BETTER KNOWN AS BIG MONEY GRIFF, COMMUNITY
13 ACTIVIST AND LEADER. AND LET ME START OFF BY SAYING THAT I HAD
14 THE FORTUNATE EXPERIENCE TO MEET WITH MS. SANDRA, THE HEAD OF
15 THE STATE BOARD, HEALTH BOARD WITH SWEET ALICE LAST WEEK AND A
16 LOT OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE COME UP HERE TODAY, WE CAN
17 ANSWER FOR LATER. BUT I WANT, WITH NO FURTHER ADIEU, TO SAY
18 I'M RELIEVED TO SEE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A CLEARANCE FOR M.L.K.
19 BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT THE 5 TO 6 HOURS
20 THAT YOU HAVE TO WAIT IN ORDER TO BE SERVED IN THE E.R. BOARD
21 OF SUPERVISORS, BURKE, THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE AT M.L.K.
22 IT'S NICE TO HEAR THAT YOU WAS THERE AND THAT YOU WAS ABLE TO
23 SEE. WERE YOU ABLE TO FIND OUT IF THERE WAS ANY CARE BEING
24 RENDERED AT THE TIME THAT YOU WAS THERE WATCHING THE PATIENTS



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1 OUTSIDE THE E.R. ROOM? WERE THE DOCTORS INSIDE DOING SOMETHING
2 OR WERE THEY NOT DOING SOMETHING?

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** I TALKED TO DOCTORS, OF COURSE.

5

6 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** I KNOW BUT I'M SAYING, WERE THEY RENDERING
7 SERVICES?

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** OF COURSE.

10

11 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** OKAY. BECAUSE WHAT WE FIND...

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE WERE 27 BEDS THAT WERE FULL AND PEOPLE BEING
14 SERVED WITH A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ILLNESSES AND PROBLEMS,
15 SOME VERY SEVERE, YEAH, AND SOME COMING IN BUT THERE WERE
16 PEOPLE WHO NEEDED A BED WHO COULD NOT GET A BED.

17

18 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** OKAY. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, AS
19 A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS THAT I'VE BEEN HEARING, I WOULD
20 LIKE FOR US TO CONSIDER BRINGING SOME OF THE RETIREMENT, LIKE
21 THE OFFICERS HAVE DONE, THE L.A.P.D. AS WELL AS THE SHERIFF'S
22 DEPARTMENT, THEY HAVE RECOMMENDED TO BRING SOME OF THEIR
23 SHERIFFS OUT OF RETIREMENT. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO CONSIDER
24 SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN TERMS OF OUR NURSES, SINCE OUR NURSES
25 ARE NOT BEING ACCOUNTABLE AND RESPONSIBLE TO THEIR



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1 COMPREHENSIVE TESTING. I THINK THAT WE SHOULD BRING SOMEBODY
2 IN THAT'S BEEN THERE, DONE THAT AND THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO
3 FIND THAT THIS PARTICULAR CONTRACTING OUT STAFF THAT WE HAVE
4 NOW WITH CHERNOF HAS FELL DEFICIENT IN THEIR PLIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

7

8 **MORRIS GRIFFIN:** SO I REALLY THINK WE NEED TO REEVALUATE HOW WE
9 CAN BETTER SERVE OUR PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YVONNE LAROSE, YOU'RE NEXT.

12

13 **YVONNE LAROSE:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
14 SPEAK. I'M HERE NOT AS A PERSON WHO HAS USED THE EMERGENCY
15 FACILITIES BUT I AM A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN REFERRED TO HARBOR
16 GENERAL FOR FOLLOW-UP PROCEDURES AND TESTING EVALUATIONS AND
17 SO FORTH FOR A HEART CONDITION THAT I DEVELOPED LAST YEAR. IN
18 THE COURSE OF GOING TO THE FACILITY TO-- AND INTERACTING WITH
19 THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS ON THE STAFF AND THE PROFESSIONAL
20 STAFF, I SAW VARIOUS SITUATIONS THAT CAUSED ME A GREAT DEAL OF
21 CONCERN. FORGIVE THE REDUNDANCY BUT I AGREE WITH YOUR
22 OBSERVATIONS THAT THE STAFF THERE ARE STAFF THERE WHO DO NEED
23 TO-- I DIDN'T REALIZE IT WAS A MATTER OF HAVING SWEEPED THE "F"
24 PERFORMING INDIVIDUALS AND THAT THE D-MINUS PEOPLE ARE STILL
25 THERE BUT I DID FIND THAT THERE WAS ONE PERSON WHO WAS AN



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1 EMPLOYEE. I ASKED WHERE A PARTICULAR ROOM IN THE HOSPITAL WAS.
2 HE DIDN'T KNOW. HE COULDN'T TELL ME WHERE E-463 IS, FOR
3 EXAMPLE. I WENT-- I HAD IMAGING DONE ON, FOR EXAMPLE, TUESDAY
4 MORNING AND THE TECHNICIAN HAD TO PUNCTURE MY ARM IN ORDER TO
5 INJECT THE FLUID, THE DYE AND THEN I NEEDED TO RETURN THAT
6 FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY MORNING IN ORDER TO HAVE ANOTHER PUNCTURE
7 DONE, ANOTHER IMAGING DONE AND THE TECHNICIAN WANTED TO KNOW
8 WHY I HAD A PUNCTURE WOUND WHICH WAS FROM THE DAY BEFORE, AND
9 THAT PROCEDURE TAKES SUCH AN AMOUNT OF TIME THAT SHE COULD NOT
10 HAVE POSSIBLY SEEN THAT MANY PEOPLE TO HAVE BEEN CONFUSED
11 ABOUT WHO I WAS FROM DAY ONE TO DAY TWO. THAT CAUSED ME
12 CONCERN. THERE WAS ANOTHER DAY I WENT THERE AND I WENT TO THE
13 WRONG WINDOW BUT IT WAS OBVIOUS, WHEN I GOT TO THAT PARTICULAR
14 WINDOW, THAT THREE OF THE FOUR PEOPLE WHO WERE IN ATTENDANCE
15 THERE WERE ON ANTIDEPRESSANTS, WHICH MEANT, WHEN ME, THE
16 GENERAL PUBLIC TRIED TO INTERACT WITH THESE PEOPLE WHO ARE
17 TAKING CARE OF MY RECORDS AND MY HEALTHCARE AND DIRECTIONS ON
18 HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO BE PROCESSED WERE NOT COMPLETELY IN TUNE
19 WITH WHAT WAS GOING ON.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO WRAP
22 IT UP.

23

24 **YVONNE LAROSE:** ONE OF THE THINGS I SAW IS THAT THE PEOPLE WHO
25 ARE GOING THERE ARE SIMPLY FUNGIBLE ENTITIES. AND WHAT I WOULD



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1 LIKE TO SEE IS THAT, IF WE ARE SIMPLY THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO
2 HEALTHCARE INSURANCE OR VERY LIMITED HEALTHCARE INSURANCE,
3 THEN PERHAPS WE NEED TO CONSIDER SOCIALIZED MEDICINE SO THAT
4 EVERYONE GETS THE SAME QUALITY OF CARE AND GETS QUALITY CARE.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. TIME IS UP. MS. IVIE?
8 I'M SORRY.

9

10 **SYLVIA DREW IVIE:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON, MS. IVIE. LET ME CALL
13 JUST TUT HAYES, IS HE HERE? ALL RIGHT. MR. HAYES, COME ON
14 DOWN. MS. IVIE, I'M SORRY.

15

16 **SYLVIA DREW IVIE:** I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR THE
17 TONE OF THE CONVERSATION IN LOOKING FOR WAYS TO MOVE
18 DISPASSIONATELY DURING THIS PERIOD WHERE WE DO HAVE AN
19 OPPORTUNITY TO PASS THE C.M.S. VISIT. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT
20 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES CONTINGENCY PLAN EMBRACE THE
21 VERY GOOD IDEA THAT WAS PUT FORWARD TO ONE OF THE MOTIONS THIS
22 MORNING THAT HARBOR EXPLORE A BRANCH AT KING HOSPITAL. I WOULD
23 LIKE FOR THE D.H.S. PLAN TO ALSO INCLUDE A RELATIONSHIP WITH
24 EXPANSION OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP CLINICS BECAUSE MANY
25 OF THE PATIENTS WILL DEFAULT TO COMMUNITY CLINICS. THEY ARE AN



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1 INTEGRAL PART OF THE COUNTY HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM AND THEY
2 SHOULD BE PART OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN. THIRD, I THINK THE
3 PLAN SHOULD HAVE A COMMUNICATION COMPONENT. PEOPLE DIED AFTER
4 THE TRAUMA CENTER WAS CLOSED BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND
5 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TRAUMA DEPARTMENT AND AN EMERGENCY
6 ROOM. THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO HAVE EDUCATION ABOUT WHAT WILL BE
7 IN PLACE AND HOW THEY CAN ACCESS CARE. AND, FINALLY, IF WE ARE
8 DEFAULTING TO AN URGENT CARE PROGRAM AT THE FACILITY, I WOULD
9 LIKE TO BE ASSURED THAT IT WILL NOT BE AN URGENT CARE FACILITY
10 WHICH CHARGES PATIENTS AND THEREFORE BLOCKS ACCESS, UNLIKE
11 EMERGENCY ROOM CARE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MISS IVIE. MR. ALI?

14

15 **NAJEE ALI:** MR. CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AS SOMEONE
16 WHO ACTUALLY LIVES FIVE MINUTES AWAY FROM KING-HARBOR HOSPITAL
17 AND I'VE BEEN A PATIENT THERE MY WHOLE ENTIRE LIFE, I HAVE A
18 LOT OF FOND MEMORIES OF THE HOSPITAL, BEING TREATED THERE. THE
19 HOSPITAL ACTUALLY SAVED MY MOTHER'S LIFE WHEN I WAS IN JUNIOR
20 HIGH SCHOOL. IT'S SAVED MANY LIVES THROUGHOUT SOUTH LOS
21 ANGELES, SO I DON'T WANT TO SPEND MY FEW SECONDS ROMANTICIZING
22 WHAT KING DREW HAS MEANT TO OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S AN ICON. BUT
23 CERTAINLY I'M CONCERNED ABOUT KING-HARBOR NOW IN ITS PRESENT
24 STATE. IT'S VERY-- I WOULD SAY IT MAKES ME VERY UNHAPPY TO SEE
25 THE HOSPITAL IN THE STATE THAT IT'S IN NOW. SO AFTER I



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1 LISTENED VERY CAREFULLY OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS ABOUT THE
2 CRISIS WE'RE IN AND BEING HERE TODAY, HEARING THE MOTION THAT
3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND ANTONOVICH MADE, I WOULD DEFINITELY
4 SUPPORT THOSE MOTIONS AS WE MOVE FORWARD TRYING TO SOLVE THIS
5 HEALTHCARE CRISIS. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MR. HAYES.

8

9 **TUT HAYES:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU ALWAYS PUT IT COGENTLY
10 AND BEST, ONLY IN AMERICA. KATRINA, HUMAN AGONY, DISASTER,
11 CHAOS, AND THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PUTS HIS ARM AROUND BROWNIE
12 AND SAYS, "BROWNIE, YOU'RE DOING A HELL OF A JOB." THIS ISN'T
13 SICKO, THIS IS PSYCHO. WE WITNESS RUMSFELD WEAVING, SAYING WE
14 GO TO WAR WITH THE KIND OF ARMY WE HAVE, NOT THE KIND OF ARMY
15 WE NEED, BECAUSE THE SOLDIERS HAVE NO BULLETPROOF VESTS, NO
16 FLAK JACKETS BUT THE VEHICLES WERE SUSCEPTIBLE TO ROADSIDE
17 BOMBS. THIS IS ONLY IN AMERICA. THE CONFIDENCE AND THE MORALE
18 OF THE PEOPLE IN AMERICA SHOULD BE AT A VERY LOW LEVEL
19 BECAUSE, EVERYWHERE WE LOOK, WE FIND THAT GOVERNMENT CANNOT
20 PROTECT US FROM HUMAN SUFFERING, CANNOT EQUIP US AND CANNOT
21 MAKE US WELL. YOUR STAFF SHOULD HAVE BRIEFED YOU ALL ON WHAT
22 THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN INVOLUNTARY, VOLUNTARY, ALL THAT
23 STUFF YOU SHOULD KNOW. UNLESS IT WAS A DOG AND PONY SHOW, YOU
24 WANT TO GET THAT INFORMATION OUT TO US, I CANNOT IMAGINE THAT
25 YOU'D NOT KNOW THESE DISTINCTIONS. SO, ONCE AGAIN, I SEE



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1 GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONING LIKE THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND THE
2 ARMY AND THEY CANNOT DO THEIR JOB. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. HAYES. ALL RIGHT.
5 PUBLIC HEARING IS CLOSED. MR. JANSSEN, ARE YOU...

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE LANGUAGE IS BEING TYPED UP
8 RIGHT NOW BY LEELA SO IT'LL PROBABLY BE ANOTHER FIVE OR 10
9 MINUTES. IT WOULD BE NICE IF WE COULD LOOK AT IT AGAIN
10 BECAUSE, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT WAS VERY HARD TO DO WHAT YOU
11 ASKED TO DO, WHICH WAS TO TRY TO CONSOLIDATE THE TWO BUT IT
12 WILL BE ANOTHER FIVE OR 10 MINUTES, I THINK. YOU HAVE OTHER
13 ITEMS. I DON'T KNOW, DID THE SHERIFF LEAVE?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. HE JUST, BECAUSE OF THE PUBLIC
16 HEARING, HE WENT OUT AND GOT A SANDWICH.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CAN WE DO ADJOURNMENTS?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE CAN DO OUR ADJOURNMENTS. THAT'S
21 A GOOD IDEA. I'VE DONE MINE. MR. KNABE DID HIS. MR.
22 ANTONOVICH?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE TODAY THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN,
25 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND, STEPHEN JOHN VIDOVICH,



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1 WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 19TH. JOHN WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN
2 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA IN THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY. HE WAS THE
3 STATE'S LARGEST CARROT AND ALMOND GROWER, ALONG WITH A MAJOR
4 BUSINESSMAN. HIS BUSINESSES CROSSED STATE LINES. HE WAS ALSO A
5 VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY, SERVED ON THE U.S.S.
6 YORKTOWN, QUITE INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH AND IN OUR COMMUNITY.
7 HE WAS A GREAT ROLE MODEL. HE CAME FROM THE SAME AREA IN THE
8 OLD COUNTRY THAT MY FAMILY HAD COME FROM AND HE LEAVES HIS
9 CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, AND HIS
10 CHILDREN, MARY JANE, KATHERINE, MICHAEL AND JOHN. RICHARD
11 SEAVER, FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
12 FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES OPERA AND WAS QUITE
13 INVOLVED WITH RAISING FUNDS FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
14 CALIFORNIA AND PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY. JERRY ARTUKOVICH FROM
15 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, HE WAS GRADUATE OF BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL.
16 WORKED FOR HIS FAMILY'S CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS, OPERATED
17 PARAMOUNT ENGINEERING, AND RETIRED IN 1991 TO NEWPORT BEACH.
18 HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83 AND LEAVES HIS CHILDREN,
19 KATHY, MICHAEL, JERRY AND BARBARA. JOHN TRACY, WHOSE FATHER
20 FOUNDED THE LOS ANGELES-BASED DEAF EDUCATION CENTER IN JOHN'S
21 NAME, HIS FATHER IS SPENCER TRACY, HE PASSED AWAY IN ACTON,
22 CALIFORNIA. HE WAS 82 YEARS OLD. JOHN WAS FOUND TO BE DEAF
23 WHEN HE WAS 10 MONTHS OLD AND HE ATTENDED PASADENA CITY
24 COLLEGE AND THE ART INSTITUTE AND HE WORKED AS AN ARTIST IN
25 THE ARTS PROPS DEPARTMENT AT WALT DISNEY STUDIOS AND THOSE OF



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1 US GROWING UP IN LOS ANGELES WERE INVOLVED WITH THE JOHN TRACY
2 CLINIC, RAISING FUNDS FOR THEM EACH SEMESTER. SO THOSE ARE MY
3 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS. MOVE THOSE.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
8 A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE AND THAT IS PHYLLIS RABINS. SHE'S A
9 LONG-TIME MONTEREY PARK RESIDENT. SHE WAS A COMMUNITY ACTIVIST
10 AND A CONSUMER ADVOCATE WHO FOUGHT TIRELESSLY ON BEHALF OF THE
11 COMMUNITY FOR MANY YEARS. PHYLLIS INITIATED EFFORTS TO CLOSE
12 THE OPERATING INDUSTRY'S LANDFILL IN 1986. SHE FOUNDED MED FLY
13 MOMS TO PREVENT HEALTHCARE RISK DURING THE MED FLY SPRAYING.
14 SHE JOINED THE MOTHERS OF EAST L.A. TO OPPOSE A PRISON IN EAST
15 L.A. AND SHE WAS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE NUMEROUS EFFORTS OVER
16 THE YEARS TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, SUPPORT MASS
17 TRANSIT, AMONG MANY OTHER WORTHY CAUSES. ALL OF US WHO KNEW
18 HER AND WORKED WITH PHYLLIS LOVED HER DEARLY AND HER LEGACY
19 WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST
20 CONDOLENCES TO HER SONS, HER SISTERS, EXTENDED FAMILY AND
21 EVERYONE WHO KNEW HER AND LOVED HER. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT
22 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NOGALES HIGH SCHOOL SECRETARY LOIS
23 BATES, WHO TRAGICALLY PASSED AWAY IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT
24 WHICH LEFT HER HUSBAND IN CRITICAL CONDITION. LOIS WAS A LONG-
25 TIME EMPLOYEE WITH THE ROWLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WE



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1 EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO HER ENTIRE FAMILY AND ALL
2 OF HER FRIENDS AND HER COLLEAGUES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO SAY STEPHEN VIDOVICH LEAVES HIS
5 WIFE, MARILYN, ALSO FROM LOS ALTOS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** SO ORDERED. I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT,
8 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AUDREY WATSON,
9 MY BELOVED COUSIN AND LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND
10 DISTRICT, WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER
11 MEMORY HER SON, DAVID SUTTON AND HIS WIFE, RENEE, AND 11
12 GRANDCHILDREN. AND MITSUE WAKABAYASHI, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE
13 11TH IN SACRAMENTO, A LONG-TIME L.A. RESIDENT OF BOYLE HEIGHTS
14 FROM 1956 UNTIL 2005 WHEN SHE RELOCATED TO SACRAMENTO. SHE
15 RETIRED FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
16 SERVICES WITH OVER 50 YEARS OF COUNTY SERVICE. SHE IS SURVIVED
17 BY HER TWO CHILDREN, DAUGHTER, HELEN LUCAS OF SACRAMENTO AND
18 SON, GLEN AND HER GRANDSONS, BRIAN AND KEVIN LUCAS. AND ROBERT
19 CLAYTON REDD, PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 12TH. HE WAS A LONG-TIME
20 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, A VETERAN OF THE U.S. MARINE
21 CORPS, WHERE HE SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR. HE HAD 35-YEAR
22 CAREER WITH THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. HE LEAVES TO
23 CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE OF OVER 53 YEARS, FRANCINE, A SON,
24 TERRENCE REDD AND A DAUGHTER, DAWN REDD-HOWARD. AND MRS.
25 JUANDA F. DESHONE, WHO WAS A SOCIAL WORKER, A 37-YEAR LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICE EMPLOYEE AT H.
2 CLAUDE HUDSON COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER UNTIL LOSING HER
3 LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER ON JUNE 14TH. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
4 DAUGHTER, FELICIA DESHOWN. SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THAT TAKES CARE OF ALL
7 THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I THINK STAFF STILL NEEDS A LITTLE
8 MORE TIME?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GOING TO SUGGEST THAT WE-- THE
13 SHERIFF HAS BEEN HERE AND WE'VE KEPT HIM 2-1/2 HOURS AND I
14 THINK THAT'S LONG ENOUGH. AND SO, STEVE, DO YOU KNOW WHERE--
15 CAN YOU GET-- THE SHERIFF IS HERE. OH, THERE HE IS. SHERIFF
16 BACA, IF YOU'D COME FORWARD. THIS IS THE SET ITEM OF 12 NOON.
17 IT'S NOW 2:25.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT NUMBER IS THIS?

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** S-1.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** S-1. AND IT'S-- S-1 WAS-- OH, NO,
2 WE'RE NOT GOING TO-- I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. HANG ON ONE SECOND.
3 ALL RIGHT. S-1 IS A REPORT BY THE SHERIFF REGARDING THE PARIS
4 HILTON MATTER AND I'LL TURN IT OVER TO YOU, SHERIFF BACA, AND
5 YOU INTRODUCE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WITH YOU.

6

7 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE IN RESPONSE TO A
8 BOARD MOTION TO EXPLAIN AWAY MORE OF THE INFORMATION THAT'S
9 ALREADY BEEN EXPLAINED AND I THINK THAT MOST OF IT'S ALREADY
10 KNOWN BY EACH OF YOU. MR. WALLY IS THE OTHER SHERIFF. MARVIN
11 CAVANAUGH IS ASSISTANT SHERIFF OVER OUR CUSTODY AND
12 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIVISIONS. I'M PREPARING COPIES OF A
13 DOCUMENT THAT DEALS WITH THE SENTENCE AND RELEASE STATISTICS
14 FOR THE PAST YEAR FOR INMATES IN THE JAIL SYSTEM WHO HAVE BEEN
15 SENTENCED AND RELEASED FOR DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED DRIVER'S
16 LICENSE AND THE TOTAL DATE PERIOD IS JUNE 1ST, 2006 TO JUNE
17 7TH-- EXCUSE ME, JUNE 1ST, 2007. WHAT THE DATA REALLY SHOWS IS
18 THAT THERE IS NO PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. IN FACT, THE
19 PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT, IF ANY, WAS GIVEN TO MS. PARIS THAT
20 SHE SERVED MORE TIME THAN ANYBODY ELSE FOR THIS OFFENSE ON
21 AVERAGE BUT THE DATA IS HERE JUST FOR YOUR PARTICULAR REVIEW.
22 COPIES ARE BEING MADE FOR YOU. I'LL JUST KEEP ONE COPY. A LOT
23 OF INFORMATION HAS BEEN OUT THERE IN THE NEWS MEDIA AS WELL AS
24 THE AVERAGE PERSON'S HOME TALKING ABOUT PARIS HILTON. LET ME
25 EXPLAIN TO YOU A FEW THINGS THAT YOU ALREADY KNOW BUT, FOR THE



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1 RECORD, THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM HAS BEEN UNDER A SEVERE BED
2 SHORTAGE FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. MY PRIOR ASSIGNMENT AS THE
3 COMMANDER IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I RAN THREE JAILS. HALL
4 OF JUSTICE JAIL, BISCOE CENTER JAIL AND SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTE
5 FOR WOMEN. A TOTAL OF 5,000 INMATES WERE SERVING TIME IN THOSE
6 THREE FACILITIES. NONE OF THOSE FACILITIES ARE OPEN TODAY.
7 THEY'RE ALL CLOSED. THE BOARD HAS BEEN GENEROUS IN BUILDING
8 BACK SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTE AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THAT
9 FACILITY OPENING UP IN SEVERAL YEARS BUT THE POPULATION FROM
10 20 YEARS AGO IS CHANGED. 20 YEARS AGO, WE HAD 24,000 INMATES
11 IN THE SYSTEM. TODAY, WE HAVE 20,000 INMATES IN THE SYSTEM. WE
12 HAVE-- THE SHIFT HAS BEEN TO THE LEVEL WHERE 90% OF THE
13 INMATES ARE PRESENTENCED INMATES AND 10% ARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE
14 SENTENCED TO THE COUNTY JAIL. AND THAT MEANS THAT WHAT WE'VE
15 DONE IS WE'VE LOST THE ABILITY TO KEEP PEOPLE IN JAIL FOR
16 COUNTY SENTENCES AND THUS VIRTUALLY EVERYBODY THAT GOES IN THE
17 COUNTY JAIL TO SERVE TIME IS BEING EARLY RELEASED, NOT BECAUSE
18 OF MY DECISION BUT BECAUSE OF THE COURT MANDATING THAT I KEEP
19 THE POPULATION AT 20,000 INMATES. SO WHAT I'M SAYING, 20 YEARS
20 AGO, WE HAD MORE BED SPACE. TODAY, WE HAVE LESS BED SPACE, WE
21 HAVE MORE SERIOUS FELONY OFFENDERS, WHICH ARE UNDOUBTEDLY A
22 PRIORITY THAT I WILL NOT COMPROMISE, AND THE ONLY PLACE THAT
23 WE CAN COMPROMISE BECAUSE OF A COURT ORDER IS THE MISDEMEANOR
24 SENTENCES. THESE SEVERE BED SHORTAGES REQUIRE ME TO RELEASE
25 THESE COUNTY INMATES. THE ABSENCE OF SUFFICIENT BEDS FOR WOMEN



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1 IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM ALSO REQUIRES ME TO RELEASE THEM AND WE USE
2 A SYSTEM. FOR THE SERIOUS OFFENDERS, THEY SERVE 100% OF THEIR
3 SENTENCE. NOW WHAT THAT LITERALLY MEANS THAT, IN CALIFORNIA,
4 ALL JAILS, IF AN INMATE BEHAVES AND DOES WORK WHEN THEY'RE
5 SENTENCED TO COUNTY JAIL, THEY CAN EARN 10 DAYS OFF THEIR
6 SENTENCE PER MONTH, SO YOU'RE LOOKING AT AN AUTOMATIC GOOD
7 BEHAVIOR AND WORK BEHAVIOR REDUCTION OF ONE-THIRD BEFORE ANY
8 TIME GETS SERVED. THAT IS STANDARD TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
9 IT'S NOT A L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF RULE. IT'S NOT A L.A. COUNTY
10 SITUATION IS UNIQUE. IT'S JUST THE WAY IT IS. THAT'S THE RULE.
11 SO A HUNDRED PERCENT OF A SENTENCE WOULD BE TWO-THIRDS OF A
12 SENTENCE, ACCORDING TO THE RULES. MID-LEVEL OFFENDERS WILL
13 SERVE 50% OF THEIR SENTENCE AND THEN PROSTITUTION, PUBLIC
14 MISCONDUCT OFFENDERS WILL SERVE 25% OF THEIR SENTENCE. AND
15 THEN LOW LEVEL OFFENDERS, IN THIS CASE, DRIVING WITHOUT A
16 DRIVER'S LICENSE, A SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE, WOULD SERVE
17 10% OF THEIR SENTENCE. NOW THE DATA I'VE GIVEN YOU, CLEARLY
18 INDICATES THAT, OF THE POPULATION OF THE PAST YEAR, FOR
19 DRIVING WITH A SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE, THAT 177 WOMEN
20 INMATES OR INMATES THEMSELVES, BEING BOTH SEXES, SERVED 46% OF
21 THEIR SENTENCE OR 10 DAYS OR LESS, AND THEN YOU HAVE 2% OF THE
22 TOTAL POPULATION SERVED 45 DAYS, WHICH IS A HIGHER SENTENCE,
23 AND 38 PEOPLE SERVED 10% WHO WERE SENTENCED TO 46 DAYS. AND SO
24 THE DATA IS UNIQUE IN THAT IT TELLS YOU CLEARLY THAT, IF MS.



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1 HILTON GOT SPECIAL TREATMENT, IT'S THAT SHE SERVED MORE TIME
2 IN THE COUNTY JAIL THAN THE AVERAGE INMATE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** COULD YOU JUST, ON THE SHEET YOU
5 SHOWED TO US, I WAS CURIOUS, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SHEET, SAID,
6 OF THE 132 INMATES SENTENCED TO 10 DAYS, THEY SERVED THE
7 FOLLOWING DAYS AND ONE OF THEM SERVED 81 DAYS. WHY WOULD THEY
8 HAVE SERVED 81, 36, 30, 20, AND 11 IF THEY HAD ONLY BEEN
9 SENTENCED TO 10?

10

11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IN THE CONDITIONS WHERE-- I'M NOT SURE WHERE
12 YOU'RE READING FROM HERE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AT THE BOTTOM, THE BOTTOM SECTION.

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IF AN INMATE HAS A REOCCURRING CRIMINAL
17 HISTORY BEYOND JUST THE SERVING OF TIME FOR A SUSPENDED
18 DRIVER'S LICENSE, CONDITIONS OF OTHER CASES AS WELL, THEY
19 COULD CONCEIVABLY BE IN JAIL UNDER ONE CHARGE AND UNCONVICTED
20 OF OTHER CHARGES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, I SEE. OKAY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** MAY I JUST ASK A QUESTION ALSO? JUST REAL FAST. DO
25 YOU DIFFERENTIATE AT ALL BETWEEN HOW MANY TIMES THE PERSON HAS



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1 DRIVEN WITH A SUSPENDED LICENSE AND WHAT THE ORIGINAL CHARGE
2 WAS? IN THIS CHART?

3

4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WE DON'T BECAUSE THE COURT DECIDES WHAT THE
5 SENTENCE IS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** I SEE. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I GUESS THE QUESTION I'M
8 TRYING TO FIGURE OUT, IS HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU IGNORE YOUR
9 SUSPENDED LICENSE BEFORE IT'S TREATED DIFFERENTLY? I MEAN, CAN
10 YOU DO IT THREE OR FOUR TIMES AND IT STILL DOESN'T MATTER?
11 OR...

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, YOU'D HAVE TO-- WE'D HAVE TO ASK THE
14 COURT THAT QUESTION. WHEN WE GET PEOPLE TO THE JAIL, THEY ARE
15 NOT SENTENCED BASED ON INFORMATION OF PRIOR CHARGES. THE
16 SENTENCE ITSELF IS BASED ON THE CHARGE THAT THEY WERE TRIED
17 FOR, THE LAST CHARGE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THE SENTENCE -- YOU TAKE THE SENTENCE AND IT'S
20 JUST-- IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHAT THE BACKGROUND IN TERMS OF
21 THE SENTENCE. IT WOULD BE A MATTER THAT YOU -- IT GOES HERE
22 BETWEEN ZERO DAYS AND 81, BASED ON WHAT CRITERIA?

23

24 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE EARLY RELEASE POLICY THAT I JUST
25 DESCRIBED.



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2 SUP. BURKE: AT THAT DAY?

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4 SHERIFF LEE BACA: ON THE DAY THAT THEY ENTER THE SYSTEM.

5

6 SUP. BURKE: IS IT THE SAME RELEASE-- IS THERE STILL THE SAME
7 OVERCROWDING WITH WOMEN'S JAIL AS THERE IS IN THE MEN'S JAIL?

8

9 SHERIFF LEE BACA: YES. OKAY. SO THUS-- WHAT WE HAVE TODAY, AND
10 I'VE SAID THIS REPEATEDLY, IS WE HAVE NOT ONLY A JAIL SYSTEM
11 THAT IS OVERCROWDED WITH A FEDERAL CAP BUT WE HAVE A CRIMINAL
12 JUSTICE SYSTEM THAT IS BROKEN AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WAS
13 SAID BY IRA REINER IN A PERIOD OF TIME IN THIS COUNTY'S
14 HISTORY, IT HAS BEEN SAID BY EVERY OTHER DISTRICT ATTORNEY
15 SINCE IRA REINER AND THE REALITY IS IS THAT WE HAVE TOO MANY
16 CRIMINALS, NOT ENOUGH TRIALS OF THOSE CRIMINALS AND WE HAVE AN
17 EXPEDITIOUS SYSTEM OF JUSTICE THROUGH PLEA BARGAINING. THE
18 JAILS, THEREFORE, BECOME THE DUMPING GROUND OF INADEQUATE
19 THINGS THAT OCCUR WITHIN THE ENTIRE SYSTEM AND MANY INMATES
20 COME TO THE JAIL WITH MEDICAL PROBLEMS THAT WE KNOW NOTHING
21 ABOUT UNTIL THEY ARRIVE AT THE JAIL. THUS, WE HAVE A
22 COMPACTION OF PEOPLE WHO ARE OFFENDERS OF ALL TYPES AND TO
23 GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF OFFENDERS THAT WE TYPICALLY
24 HAVE EVERY DAY, WE HAVE 4,000 GANG MEMBERS IN CUSTODY AT ANY
25 ONE TIME, 4,000 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN CUSTODY AT ANY ONE TIME,



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1 5,000 NARCOTICS OFFENDERS, 1,200 BURGLARY SUSPECTS, 6,000
2 FELONY ASSAULT PRISONERS AWAITING MOVEMENT WITHIN THE SYSTEM,
3 2,000 MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE AND 1,076 PEOPLE, EITHER IN TRIAL,
4 WAITING TRIAL OR CONVICTED OR WAITING SENTENCING FOR MURDER.
5 CURRENTLY, THERE ARE 389 ON TRIAL, 641 ARE AWAITING TRIAL, AND
6 46 ARE CONVICTED AND ARE ABOUT TO GO TO STATE PRISON. THE
7 ISSUE OF PARIS HILTON'S RELEASE WAS BASED PURELY ON A MEDICAL
8 EXPLANATION. I HAVE THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT MEDICAL DOCTOR'S
9 REPORT THAT WAS PROVIDED TO ME THE DAY OF. OUR DECISION THAT
10 IT WOULD BE BEST, BECAUSE WE DID NOT KNOW THE APPROPRIATE
11 MEDICATION THAT WAS NECESSARY FOR HER PARTICULAR MEDICAL
12 PROBLEM. SHE HAD TWO MEDICAL DOCTORS, UNBEKNOWNST TO US.
13 NEITHER ONE OF THEM WERE COMMUNICATING WITH EACH OTHER. EACH
14 WERE PRESCRIBING MEDICATION FOR HER. SHE HERSELF WAS UNABLE TO
15 TELL US THE TYPE OF MEDICATION OR DOSAGE THAT WAS NECESSARY.
16 SHE WAS DECOMPENSATING, AS THE TERM SAW HER FROM THE MEDICAL
17 POINT OF VIEW. YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT
18 OF MENTAL HEALTH WHAT THAT MEANS AND ULTIMATELY SHE WAS AT A
19 PLACE WHERE WE COULDN'T FIX WHATEVER THAT MEDICAL PROBLEM WAS
20 WITH THE RESOURCES WE HAD. ABSENT THE INFORMATION FROM HER
21 PARTICULAR DOCTORS, WE KNEW THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS NOT GOING TO
22 GET BETTER. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE ENTIRE CONDITION THAT WE
23 RECEIVED A PERSON WITHOUT FOREWARNING THAT HAD MEDICAL NEEDS,
24 THERE WERE SUFFICIENT AND SERIOUS, THAT WE WERE PLACED IN A
25 VERY UNUSUAL AND AWKWARD POSITION CONSIDERING MS. HILTON. AT



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1 THE SAME TIME, I'LL SAY THAT THE SYSTEM OF JUSTICE IS ALSO AT
2 FAULT BECAUSE EVERYBODY THAT COMES TO THE COUNTY JAIL WITH
3 MEDICAL PROBLEMS, WHETHER IT'S AMPUTEES, DIABETICS, CANCER
4 PATIENTS AND OTHER AILMENTS, WE OFTEN DO NOT KNOW THE FULL
5 DIAGNOSIS OF THEIR PROBLEMS UNTIL THEY HIT THE COUNTY JAIL'S
6 INMATE RECEPTION CENTER. THIS PUTS AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF
7 RESPONSIBILITY ON MY MEDICAL STAFF AND MY PROFESSIONAL STAFF
8 AS WELL AS THE DEPUTIES WHO WORK IN THE SYSTEM. SO THUS WHAT
9 WE WERE FACED WITH HERE IS AN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCE BUT THE
10 CONDITIONS OF THE JAIL, AS I SEE IT, MUST CONTINUALLY STRIVE
11 TO BE FAIR AND HUMANE FOR THE CONDITIONS OF PEOPLE BEING
12 SENTENCED THERE. WE HAVE PROGRAMS FOR MENTALLY ILL, PROGRAMS
13 FOR THE HOMELESS, A SPECIAL VETERANS DORM, A COMMUNITY
14 TRANSITION UNIT, 12 SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE COUNTY SOCIAL
15 WORKERS, DOCTORS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, CLERGY AND THUS WE'RE AN
16 INSTITUTION THAT IS TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE IN SPITE OF THE
17 VOLUME THAT WE HAVE. AND CAN WE DO A BETTER JOB IN HELPING
18 PEOPLE SO THEY CAN BE BETTER OFF GOING OUTSIDE OF JAIL ONCE
19 THEY'RE THROUGH WITH THEIR SENTENCES? NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.
20 BUT I SAY THIS, THE WHOLE IDEA OF PUNISHING PEOPLE AND NOT
21 CORRECTING THEIR BEHAVIOR IS A SYSTEM THAT HAS NO GOAL.
22 PUNISHMENT ALONE IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE A PROBLEM IF THAT
23 PERSON IS NOT GIVEN PROPER CARE WHILE THEY'RE IN JAIL TO TURN
24 THEIR LIVES AROUND. AS THE SHERIFF OF THE LARGEST LOCAL JAIL
25 SYSTEM IN AMERICA, THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THE SYSTEM



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1 OF JUSTICE NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AS THOROUGHLY AS POSSIBLE AND
2 WE HAVE TO ASK OUR QUESTION AND THE QUESTION I POSE, IS AN
3 INMATE COMING OUT OF A STATE PRISON OR A LOCAL COUNTY JAIL
4 BETTER THAN THEY WERE WHEN THEY CAME IN? AND, IF THE ANSWER TO
5 THAT IS NO, THEN WE HAVE AN AWFUL LOT MORE WORK TO DO. THANK
6 YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF. SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN HILTON WAS RELEASED, WE GOT A LOT OF
12 CALLS FROM OUR OFFICE AND EMAILS RELATIVE TO THE REASON SHE
13 WAS RELEASED AND IT WAS BECAUSE OF HEALTH PROBLEMS. AND THEN,
14 IN REVIEWING THE COURT RECORDS, JUDGE STIPULATED THAT SHE WAS
15 TO SERVE HER TIME AND NOT BE RELEASED ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING
16 AND SHE WAS BEING RELEASED ON A HEALTH ISSUE BUT WE HAVE A
17 COUNTY HEALTH FACILITY, TWIN TOWERS, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY SHE
18 WAS PLACED IN AND, OBVIOUSLY, THEY WERE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB
19 BECAUSE THEN SHE WAS ABLE TO GO IN A REGULAR DETENTION
20 FACILITY, THE WOMEN'S FACILITY. SO IT WAS NOT AN ISSUE OF OVER
21 CROWDEDNESS, IT WAS AN ISSUE OF A HEALTH-RELATED PROBLEM THAT
22 SHE HAD BUT THE PROCEDURE WAS, HER ATTORNEY, HER ATTORNEY HAD
23 THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BRINGING THAT TO THE ATTENTION TO THE
24 JUDGE AND, SHORT OF THAT, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL HAS THE
25 RESPONSIBILITY, THROUGH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OF BRINGING



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1 THAT ATTENTION TO THE JUDGE TO MAKE A SUBSEQUENT RULING. IT
2 WASN'T IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PREROGATIVE TO OVERRULE THE JUDGE'S
3 DECISION OR CIRCUMVENT THE PROCEDURE WHEN YOU HAVE A MEDICAL
4 PROBLEM WHEN YOU ALREADY HAVE A COMPETENT MEDICAL FACILITY TO
5 HANDLE THESE PEOPLE. THE PROBLEM THAT WE HAVE IS THEN FUTURE
6 INMATES WILL WANT TO GO HOME ON SOME TYPE OF RELEASE FROM A
7 CONFINED FACILITY FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING BECAUSE THERE HAS
8 BEEN A PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED. THERE WAS A PRECEDENT
9 ESTABLISHED THAT VIOLATED THE COURT ORDER AND BYPASSED THE
10 COURT MAKING THAT DECISION. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD SOME
11 JUDGES SAY THAT THEY'RE BEGINNING TO GET REQUESTS FOR THAT. SO
12 THAT'S THE PROBLEM THAT THE PRECEDENT. IT WAS NOT OVERCROWDING
13 THAT WAS THE PROBLEM...

14

15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, LET'S ANSWER THAT QUESTION. I DON'T
16 THINK YOU'RE CORRECT ON THAT POINT. I THINK THAT IT'S
17 IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW THAT, IN THE PROCESS THAT WE'VE USED
18 IN THE PAST, THAT MS. HILTON IS NOT THE FIRST PERSON WITH A
19 MEDICAL PROBLEM WHO WAS EARLY RELEASED, AND THUS I THINK THE
20 RECORD SHOULD BE STRAIGHT ON THAT. THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS
21 THAT WE USE, INCLUDING HEALTH CONDITIONS. THAT'S ONE OF THE
22 STANDARDS THAT WE USE. THE LENGTH OF SENTENCE AND THE ACTUAL
23 TIME SERVED. AND, AS FAR AS THE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER I
24 HAD THE AUTHORITY TO RELEASE HER FOR A MEDICAL CONDITION, I DO
25 HAVE THAT AUTHORITY.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THROUGH THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THROUGH THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OPINION ON
5 WHETHER I DO OR DON'T. PLUS, JUDGES SAY FULL SENTENCE SERVED
6 AND UNDER A FEDERAL CAP, WHEN A JUDGE SAYS THEY MUST SERVE
7 THEIR FULL SENTENCE AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO SERVE A FULL
8 SENTENCE BECAUSE THE FEDERAL COURT INTERVENES AND, IN FACT,
9 SAYS YOU'VE GOT TO UNLOAD THESE PEOPLE AT A REASONABLE LEVEL
10 OF EVALUATIVE CRITERIA, THEN I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO THAT.
11 WE'RE CAUGHT BETWEEN A SYSTEM THAT'S FEDERALLY MANDATED VERSUS
12 A LOCAL INTERPRETATION OF WHAT YOU DESCRIBED AS A JUDGE'S
13 RIGHT TO SENTENCE. NONE OF US, INCLUDING MYSELF AND MY
14 PREDECESSOR, EVER WANT TO EARLY RELEASE ANYBODY. IF I COULD
15 PUT PEOPLE TO SLEEP ON FLOORS IN EVERY INSTITUTION WE HAVE AND
16 THUS NOT GET THEM AN EARLY RELEASE AT ALL OR GIVE THEM AN
17 EARLY RELEASE AT ALL, I WOULD DO THAT. I DON'T THINK IT'S
18 UNREASONABLE TO HAVE PEOPLE SLEEPING ON FLOORS TEMPORARILY. MY
19 BELIEF IS THAT, IF OUR GOOD FIGHTING SOLDIERS CAN GO FIGHT IN
20 IRAQ AND SLEEP ON DIRT, INMATES OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SLEEP ONE
21 NIGHT ON A CEMENT FLOOR BUT I'M NOT GOING TO GET MY WAY ON
22 THAT ISSUE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT. BUT SHE WAS BEING
2 RELEASED ON MEDICAL REASONS, NOT BECAUSE OF OVER CROWDEDNESS.
3 THAT'S WHERE THE PROBLEM...

4

5 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE OTHER POINT ON THAT, SUPERVISOR, IS
6 THIS. OUR DOCTORS SAID THAT WE HAD NO SOLUTION FOR HER MEDICAL
7 PROBLEM. NONE. NOW, I'LL SAY THIS. I THINK WE ALL IN THIS ROOM
8 KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT SUICIDE. I THINK WE KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT
9 INMATES KILLING INMATES. I THINK WE KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT
10 INMATES DYING IN OUR JAILS. AS THE SHERIFF OF THIS COUNTY, I'M
11 NOT GOING TO LET ANY INMATE DIE IN OUR JAILS IF I KNOW
12 SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE THAT SOLVES THE MEDICAL PROBLEM VIS
13 A WEIGHING IT AGAINST THE CRIMINAL PROBLEM, WHICH IN THIS CASE
14 WE'RE DEALING WITH DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE.
15 WHAT'S WORTH MORE? SERVING TIME IN THE COUNTY JAIL FOR A
16 SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE OR A PERSON LOSING THEIR LIFE? I
17 THINK WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR WAS A REMEDY THAT WOULD GIVE
18 CONTROL OVER HER BEHAVIOR. THAT'S WHAT JAILS ARE FOR. BEING AT
19 HOME ON ELECTRONIC MONITORING IS A CONTROL SYSTEM SO THE
20 PUBLIC IS NOT HARMED BY SOMEONE WHO WILLFULLY VIOLATES THE
21 LAW. SHE WOULD HAVE DONE 45 DAYS AT HOME INSTEAD OF 23 DAYS IN
22 THE COUNTY JAIL. IT'S A MATTER OF PROPORTIONALITY AND
23 PERSPECTIVE. BUT LET ME SAY THIS EVEN ABOUT THAT POINT. LET'S
24 JUST SAY YOU'RE FULLY CORRECT. BEFORE WE RELEASED MS. HILTON,
25 WE CALLED THE JUDGE. I DIRECTED THE UNDERSHERIFF TO CALL THE



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1 JUDGE AND GIVE HIM A HEADS UP THAT THIS IS WHAT WE THOUGHT WAS
2 APPROPRIATE, GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE HAD AND I'LL LET HIM
3 SPEAK TO WHAT THE JUDGE SAID.

4

5 **LARRY WILDIE:** BASICALLY, WHEN I TALKED TO JUDGE SAUGUS AND
6 TOLD HIM WHAT OUR INTENT WAS BECAUSE OF THE MEDICAL CONDITION,
7 HE TOLD ME QUITE FRANKLY HE DIDN'T CARE. HE SAID HE BELIEVED
8 SHE WAS CONNING HER DOCTOR AND OUR DOCTORS. HE TOLD ME THAT. I
9 SAID, "WELL, WE JUST HAVE TO GO ON WHAT THE DOCTORS TELL US.
10 WE HAVE TO ACT ON THAT." HE SAYS, "I'M NOT GOING TO DO
11 ANYTHING."

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** SO THE POINT THERE IS THAT I DON'T DISAGREE
14 WITH THE JUDGE'S SENTENCE. I WILL NEVER DISAGREE WITH ANY
15 JUDGE'S SENTENCE. BUT I HAVE BEEN SEVERELY LIMITED IN MY
16 DISCRETION ABOUT HOW LONG THOSE SENTENCES SHOULD TRULY BE, AS
17 I'VE JUST STATED TO YOU. AT THE SAME TIME, WE DIDN'T MAKE THIS
18 DECISION WITHOUT THE JUDGE'S NOTIFICATION. HE HAD A FULL
19 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY, "I OBJECT TO THIS, IT'S WRONG AND
20 THEREFORE DON'T DO IT, I'M REISSUING MY ORDER." HE CHOSE, AND
21 HE SAID EVEN IN HIS OWN PRESS STATEMENT, THAT THE MANAGING OF
22 THE JAIL SYSTEMS IS THE FULL AND LEGAL DISCRETION OF THE
23 SHERIFF AND I'M SAYING THIS. THERE IS NO GREATER
24 RESPONSIBILITY THAN TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR 20,000 PEOPLE WHO
25 ARE SERVING TIME IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL AND I TAKE



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1 THAT RESPONSIBILITY VERY SERIOUSLY. BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT
2 THE COUNTY MUST USE COMMON SENSE IN WHAT WE DO WITH PEOPLE WHO
3 ARE IN OUR JAIL SYSTEM. AND I'M NOT GOING TO PANDER AND TAKE
4 POLLS AS TO WHETHER SOMEONE THINKS WHAT I'M DOING IS CORRECT
5 OR INCORRECT. ALL I'M GOING TO SAY IS THAT WHAT I DO, I DO FOR
6 A REASON, AND IT ISN'T GOING TO BE BECAUSE OF MY POPULARITY,
7 IT'S GOING TO BE BECAUSE I BELIEVE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ONLY PROBLEM IS, THE PROCEDURE IS TO HAVE
10 HER ATTORNEY PETITION THE COURT AND HAVE THAT HEARING OR
11 COUNTY COUNSEL TO BE PETITIONED, USE THE PETITION OF THE COURT
12 FOR THAT HEARING. SO THE JUDGE ORDERED HER BACK ON FRIDAY AND
13 TODAY ON TELEVISION, SHE WALKS AWAY A HAPPY CAMPER, SMILING,
14 WHICH ALLOWS OTHER INMATES, WHO HAVE BEEN IN JAIL TO SAY, "WE
15 WANT TO GET OUT. THERE'S BEEN SPECIAL TREATMENT SO WE SHOULD
16 BE ABLE TO BE RELEASED HOME." AND IT'S BECAUSE WE VIOLATED THE
17 PROCEDURE...

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WE HAVE NOT VIOLATED PROCEDURE, SUPERVISOR.
20 I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A FULL RAGE DEBATE WITH YOU HERE BUT
21 THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS OTHER INMATES HAVE GOTTEN OUT
22 BECAUSE OF A MEDICAL PROBLEM, PLUS OTHER THINGS THAT SHE HAS
23 BEEN RECEIVING AS WELL. THIS ISN'T A PRECEDENT. NOW, BECAUSE
24 OTHER INMATES WANT SOME SPECIAL PRIVILEGE WHICH SHE DIDN'T
25 RECEIVE BECAUSE SHE SERVED MORE TIME THAN THE AVERAGE INMATE



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1 ON THIS OFFENSE, THEN I'LL DEAL WITH EACH ONE OF THOSE CASES
2 ONE AT A TIME AND ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS REFER WHATEVER YOU'RE
3 GETTING OVER TO MY OFFICE. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, WE
4 GOT TO DEAL WITH REALITY HERE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE COURT DIDN'T MAKE THE ORDER IS WHAT I'M
7 SAYING. THERE'S A VIOLATION OF THE COURT ORDER.

8

9 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE JUDGE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HER
10 MEDICAL NEEDS ARE. NOW, WHAT I WOULD BE SAYING IF I WERE IN
11 YOUR SEAT IS I'D SAY WHY DON'T THE COURT, WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING
12 AT INMATES-- PEOPLE THAT COMMIT CRIMES HAVE FRAGILE MINDS IN
13 WHICH THEY OPERATE WITH TO GET IN THE CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR THAT
14 THEY'RE IN. THEY'RE ALL GOT A LITTLE BIT OF A MENTAL PROBLEM.
15 NOW WHY DON'T THEY ASK-- THE JUDGE ASK, WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM
16 AS TO YOUR ABILITY TO SERVE MY 45-DAY SENTENCE? WHY AREN'T
17 THEY TELLING ME, WHEN THEY HIT THE JAIL, THAT I'VE DONE
18 SOMETHING TO DO SOME DUE DILIGENCE? WHY IS IT UP TO ME TO GO
19 BACK TO THE COURT AND ASK THEM IS IT OKAY FOR THEM TO TELL ME
20 TO EVALUATE SOMEONE MEDICALLY? WE GOT IT REVERSED HERE. THE
21 PEOPLE THAT NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB IS WHAT'S GOING ON IN
22 THOSE COURTROOMS AND I'M NOT GOING TO ALLOW ANYBODY, I DON'T
23 CARE IF THEY'RE ON THE BENCH, TO TELL ME I DIDN'T DO THE RIGHT
24 THING. I'M SAYING I NEED HELP. I'VE SAID IT REPEATEDLY, MY
25 PRESS HAS SAID IT REPEATEDLY, AND WHAT I BELIEVE IN IS THAT WE



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1 CAN DO A BETTER JOB SYSTEM-WISE. I'M HAPPY TO TAKE A 45-DAY
2 SENTENCE. I'LL TAKE ANYBODY THAT'S SERVED TIME BUT THE FACT IS
3 IS THAT THE SYSTEM IS NOT PERFORMING AT THE LEVEL IT SHOULD.
4 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT THE DUMPING GROUND FOR EVERY
5 POSSIBLE MENTAL OR MEDICAL AILMENT THAT ANYBODY MAY HAVE
6 COMING TO THE JAIL. BUT THAT'S, IN FACT, WHAT WE'VE BECOME AND
7 THEREFORE I HAVE A CONCERN TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE THE JAIL FACILITY THAT
10 HAS A MEDICAL FACILITY ATTACHED TO IT.

11

12 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** LET ME SAY THIS ABOUT THAT. YOU CAN HAVE ANY
13 MEDICAL FACILITY YOU WANT, IN JAIL OR OUT OF JAIL, BUT IF THE
14 DOCTORS DO NOT HAVE A REMEDY, AND YOU KNOW LET'S BE CLEAR,
15 JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE HOSPITALS DOESN'T MEAN THE DOCTORS HAVE
16 REMEDIES FOR ALL THE AILMENTS THAT PEOPLE BRING TO THEM. IF WE
17 CAN'T FIGURE OUT WHAT THE PATIENT'S ILLNESS IS, AND THAT
18 HAPPENS FREQUENTLY OUTSIDE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR HOSPITALS,
19 THEN WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THE STANDARD INSIDE THE COUNTY JAIL
20 IS GOING TO BE HIGHER THAN CEDARS SINAI OR EVEN MARTIN LUTHER
21 KING? IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THAT WAY. AND THERE I'M SAYING TO
22 YOU, OUR PSYCHOLOGISTS, OUR MEDICAL STAFF HAD NO SOLUTION FOR
23 MS. HILTON. SHE DIDN'T KNOW HER OWN MEDICAL PRESCRIPTIONS, SHE
24 DIDN'T HAVE THE INFORMATION TO GIVE US AND HER TWO DOCTORS
25 WERE FEUDING OVER WHAT EACH OF THEM HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY TO



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1 DO. SO WE'RE CAUGHT WITH THREE MEDICAL EVALUATIVE SYSTEMS AND
2 HER TWO DOCTORS ARE DISPUTING HER MEDICAL PHARMACEUTICALS.
3 NOW, WHAT MORE DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO TO SORT THINGS OUT
4 BETWEEN THREE DOCTORS...

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THE DOCTORS DIDN'T HAVE HER MEDICATION AT
7 HOME?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, YOUR DOCTOR HEALED HER BECAUSE SHE WENT
10 BACK IN THE REGULAR-- I MEAN SHE WENT FROM THE COUNTY JAIL
11 MEDICAL FACILITY BACK TO A HOLDING JAIL CELL AND APPEARS TO BE
12 HEALED.

13

14 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** BECAUSE HER DOCTORS GAVE US THE RIGHT
15 INFORMATION CONCERNING HER MEDICATION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH COULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD SHE GONE FROM
18 THE JAIL CELL TO THE MEDICAL FACILITY.

19

20 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I DON'T AGREE WITH YOU. NOW THAT'S-- I MEAN,
21 YOU CAN MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK THIS ALL YOU WANT,
22 SUPERVISOR, BUT I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND. THE DOCTOR-- SHE DIDN'T
2 KNOW WHAT MEDICATIONS SHE WAS TAKING, RIGHT? OH. I'M SORRY.
3 IT'S REALLY FAST. SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT MEDICATIONS SHE WAS
4 TAKING AND THERE WAS NO ONE, EITHER AT HER HOME TO TELL YOU
5 WHAT THE PILLS WERE OR HER DOCTORS DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE
6 GIVING HER OR THEY COULDN'T IDENTIFY IT?

7

8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY WAYS I CAN EXPLAIN
9 THIS, SUPERVISOR, BUT YOU CAN'T EXTRACT MEDICAL INFORMATION
10 OUT OF TWO DOCTORS THAT ARE NOT TALKING TO EACH OTHER. IT'S UP
11 TO HER ATTORNEY, AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS SAID, TO HELP
12 GET THIS INFORMATION IN OUR HANDS BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT'S
13 ALSO IMPORTANT THAT THE COURTS UNDERSTAND WHO THEY'RE DEALING
14 WITH WHEN THEY SENTENCE SOMEONE TO COUNTY JAIL AND ASK THEM,
15 "IS THERE ANYTHING THAT PROHIBITS YOU OR THAT YOU WOULD NEED
16 TO ACCOMMODATE MY SENTENCE IN THE JAIL SYSTEM?" AND THUS WE
17 HAVE A DILEMMA OF PASSING APPROPRIATE MEDICAL INFORMATION,
18 WHICH IS HELD AS CONFIDENTIAL PATIENT/CLIENT INFORMATION, TO
19 THOSE OF US WHO ARE IN THE JAIL SYSTEM.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR KNABE. I PROMISED
22 HIM HE WAS NEXT IN LINE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** I'M SORRY.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEN I'LL COME BACK TO YOU.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS, YOU KNOW, THE ISSUE WE HAVE, SHERIFF, I
4 UNDERSTAND ALL YOUR NUMBERS AND THINGS LIKE THIS BUT, YOU
5 KNOW, SHE LOOKED PRETTY HEALTHY AT THE M.T.V. AWARDS ON SUNDAY
6 NIGHT PRIOR TO GOING INTO JAIL, OKAY? I MEAN, THAT'S THE
7 REALITY. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE CONFRONTED WITH AND THAT WAS
8 OVERREACTION BY THE PUBLIC. YOU HAD ALL THIS INFORMATION HERE
9 THAT YOU JUST GAVE US THAT SIMPLY WOULD HAVE ALLOWED HER TO BE
10 EARLY RELEASED. YOU DIDN'T NEED TO DO THE MEDICAL CONDITION OR
11 SIMPLY WHY DIDN'T THE JUDGE GET THE MEDICAL REPORT AND
12 VALIDATE EVERYTHING YOU'RE SAYING AND, BOOM, ON HER WAY? I
13 MEAN, THESE NUMBERS HERE, OBVIOUSLY, SAY THAT SHE SPENT ABOUT
14 THREE TIMES OR FOUR TIMES AS MUCH AS ANY OTHER PRISONER AND
15 SO, I MEAN, I UNDERSTAND ALL THE ANALYSIS AND ALL THE
16 NECESSARY CONVERSATION BUT ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS GIVE THE
17 JUDGE THE MEDICAL REPORT AND YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY, RIGHT?

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WHERE IS MY MEDICAL-- WE TRIED TO GIVE THE
20 JUDGE THE MEDICAL REPORT. YOU HEARD WHAT MR. WALLY SAID. IS
21 THAT NOT IMPORTANT IN THIS CONVERSATION?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** IT WAS IMPORTANT, BUT...

24

25 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, IT OUGHT TO BE PRETTY IMPORTANT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** ...YOU ALSO HAD A MINUTE ORDER THAT SAID NO EARLY
3 RELEASE. WASN'T THAT IMPORTANT?

4

5 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** MR. KNABE, YOU'VE BEEN A PART OF THIS WHOLE
6 PROBLEM YOURSELF AS A BOARD MEMBER AND WE'VE ALL DONE THE BEST
7 WE CAN. BUT FOR YOU TO SIT THERE AND SAY TO ME THAT WE
8 WILLFULLY VIOLATE COURT ORDERS BECAUSE WE DON'T CARE...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** NO, I'M NOT SAYING THAT. I DIDN'T SAY THAT. I'M
11 SAYING, YOU COMMENTED TO ME IT WASN'T THAT IMPORTANT. I SAID,
12 YOU HAD ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEEDED FOR THE EARLY RELEASE
13 RIGHT HERE. YOU DIDN'T NEED THE MEDICAL REPORT. THAT'S WHAT
14 I'M SAYING.

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, THAT'S A GOOD POINT BUT LET ME SAY
17 THIS. I DON'T DISAGREE WITH THE JUDGE'S SENTENCE, ALL RIGHT?
18 NOW, SHE WASN'T JUST RELEASED AS AN EARLY RELEASE. SHE WAS PUT
19 ON HOME ELECTRONIC MONITORING, OKAY? THE KEY HERE IS THAT SHE
20 NEEDED TO SERVE HER TIME. SERVING YOUR TIME MEANS THAT YOU ARE
21 CONFINED. NOW, YOU CAN BE CONFINED IN A JAIL OR YOU CAN BE
22 CONFINED AT HOME.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING
25 BUT I'M JUST SAYING...



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2 **LARRY WALDIE:** MAY I JUST MAKE ONE COMMENT ON THE MINUTE
3 ORDERS, MR. KNABE? WE GET THEM ALL THE TIME FROM THE JUDGES.
4 WE GET MINUTE ORDERS SAYING YOU SHALL ALLOW THEM TO DO THIS OR
5 DO THAT OR TAKE THEIR SLIPPERS IN FROM HOME. I'M SERIOUS. ALL
6 SORTS OF STRANGE MINUTE ORDERS AND WE DON'T FOLLOW THEM
7 BECAUSE WE CAN'T DO IT AND STILL RUN THE JAIL. WE GET, HE WILL
8 SEE THIS PARTICULAR PERSON ON THIS DAY AT THIS PARTICULAR
9 TIME, AND WE JUST CAN'T ALLOW THAT BECAUSE RUNNING WITH 20,000
10 PRISONERS, WE COULDN'T DO IT. SO IT'S NOT A POINT THAT WE
11 DON'T WANT TO OBEY THE MINUTE ORDERS. WE DON'T HAVE THE
12 ABILITY TO OBEY ALL OF THE MINUTE ORDERS AS THEY COME IN.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YOU KNOW, MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL IS A
17 FAR MORE IMPORTANT ISSUE THAN THIS ISSUE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE. [
20 APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY ONE THING. I THINK, SHERIFF,
23 THAT YOU WOULD AGREE WITH ME ABOUT THIS, THOUGH, THAT WE WANT
24 TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE PUBLIC THAT THEY CANNOT GO OUT AND DRIVE
25 INTOXICATED AND THAT, IF THEY ARE CHARGED, THEY SHOULDN'T BE



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1 JUST DRIVING AROUND WITHOUT A LICENSE, WITH A SUSPENDED
2 LICENSE. WE WANT TO SEND OUT THE MESSAGE, DON'T THINK BECAUSE
3 YOU HAD A D.U.I. AND YOU GET A SUSPENDED LICENSE THAT YOU
4 DON'T HAVE TO GO TO JAIL AT SOME POINT. I THINK WE SHOULD MAKE
5 SURE THE PUBLIC KNOWS THAT, THAT IT'S NOT OKAY TO GO OUT THERE
6 AND GET A D.U.I. AND THEN DRIVE WITHOUT A SUSPENDED LICENSE
7 AND IGNORE IT. YOU NEED TO-- LET ME TELL YOU, THIS MAY HAVE
8 HAPPENED BUT DON'T THINK THAT YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO HAVE TO GO
9 TO JAIL IF YOU'RE DRIVING AROUND AFTER A D.U.I. WE DON'T WANT
10 THESE DRUNK DRIVERS TO THINK THAT.

11

12 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** COULDN'T AGREE WITH YOU MORE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF.

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT MOST PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED
19 ABOUT. SHE'S GOING TO KILL SOMEONE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW THAT WE HAVE ONE, TWO,
22 THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE
23 HEARD ON THAT ITEM, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. WE'LL GIVE THEM A
24 MINUTE EACH, AND I'M GOING TO HOLD YOU TO A MINUTE AND I'M
25 GOING TO CUT EVERYBODY OFF AT A MINUTE ON THIS ISSUE, ON PARIS



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1 HILTON, YES. THE FUTURE OF KING/DREW MEDICAL CENTER, KING-
2 HARBOR WILL WAIT UNTIL THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PARIS HILTON IS
3 COMPLETED. THIS IS ONLY IN LOS ANGELES. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING
4 TO START WITH GLORIA ALLRED. I'M GOING TO CALL FOUR PEOPLE UP
5 AT A TIME. GLORIA ALLRED, PAMELA RICHARDSON, VISWANATHAN NATE
6 AND ASHLEY MORRISON. WHEN A MINUTE COMES UP, WE'LL JUST GO TO
7 THE NEXT PERSON. IN 10 MINUTES, WE WILL BE ON THE KING DREW
8 HOSPITAL ISSUE, IF I DO MY JOB RIGHT. MS. ALLRED, YOU'RE ON.
9 START THE CLOCK.

10

11 **GLORIA ALLRED:** THANK YOU. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO DO IT IN A
12 MINUTE. 10 SECONDS HAVE ALREADY GONE. CAN WE PLEASE RESTART...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, BUT I TOLD YOU...

15

16 **GLORIA ALLRED:** I'M SORRY, I WAS HELPING THEM WITH THEIR
17 CHAIRS. MY CLIENT IS A DOUBLE AMPUTEE, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND. AND
20 I'M SURE THIS IS A VERY RELEVANT FORUM FOR YOUR CLIENT SO,
21 PROCEED. START THE CLOCK OVER AND...

22

23 **GLORIA ALLRED:** THANK YOU. YES. MY CLIENT, PAMELA RICHARDSON,
24 WHO IS HERE WITH ME, IS A DOUBLE AMPUTEE BECAUSE OF HAVING
25 SERVED 19 YEARS FOR HER COUNTRY IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THIS



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1 COUNTRY AND SHE SUFFERED AN ACCIDENT WHILE SHE WAS THERE AND I
2 WANTED TO INFORM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ABOUT THE
3 SUBSTANDARD AND INADEQUATE MEDICAL TREATMENT THAT SHE RECEIVED
4 AT CENTURY REGIONAL DETENTION CENTER WHILE SHE WAS THERE AFTER
5 HAVING BEEN ARRESTED. AND, IN BRIEF, SHE HAD HER PROSTHESIS
6 TAKEN AWAY, SHE HAD HER BRACE TAKEN AWAY, SHE WAS TOLD THAT,
7 IF SHE WANTED TO TAKE A SHOWER, WHICH SHE WASN'T ABLE TO DO
8 FOR EIGHT DAYS, THAT SHE HAD TO CRAWL HER FAT ASS ON THE FLOOR
9 AND THIS "AIN'T NO MARRIOTT". SHE ALSO HAD HER FOOD THROWN
10 NEXT TO HER TOILET. SHE ALSO, YOU KNOW, COULD NOT EVEN USE THE
11 WHEELCHAIR THAT THEY SAID TO USE IN THERE BECAUSE THE
12 WHEELCHAIR DOESN'T FIT IN THE SHOWER BECAUSE IT'S NOT HANDICAP
13 ACCESSIBLE. SHE'S A VETERAN, SHE WAS NEVER TOLD THAT SHE COULD
14 GO TO A VETERANS FACILITY TO SERVE HER TIME. IS THERE ONE EVEN
15 FOR WOMEN? I DON'T KNOW. BUT THE POINT IS, SIR, THAT THIS IS
16 NOT RIGHT AND, BY THE WAY, SHE'S ASKING ME TO SPEAK FOR HER,
17 SO I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TAKE HER MINUTE TO SPEAK FOR HER.
18 IT'S PAMELA RICHARDSON AND SHE HAS SIGNED UP.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

21

22 **GLORIA ALLRED:** THANK YOU. WHEN PAMELA RICHARDSON WAS REMANDED
23 BACK INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL, SUPERVISOR
24 YAROSLAVSKY AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SHE SAID,
25 IT'S NOT RIGHT. AND WE SAY, IT ISN'T RIGHT THAT AN OLDER



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1 AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN WHO IS NOT WHITE, WHO IS NOT A
2 CELEBRITY, WHO IS NOT RICH SHOULD GET THE SUBSTANDARD,
3 INADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE THAT SHE DESERVES TO HAVE IN THE L.A.
4 COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM WHILE SOMEONE ELSE WHO IS WHITE, WHO IS
5 YOUNG, WHO IS FAMOUS GETS, ACCORDING TO HER ATTORNEYS' WORDS,
6 EXCELLENT MEDICAL CARE. IT'S NOT RIGHT AND WE NEED THE SYSTEM
7 TO BE CHANGED. WE'RE HAPPY THAT SHE GOT EXCELLENT MEDICAL
8 CARE, PARIS HILTON, BUT WE WANT EVERY INMATE, NO MATTER THEIR
9 COLOR, NO MATTER THEIR RELIGION, TO GET THAT KIND OF MEDICAL
10 CARE WHEN THEY ARE IN THAT FACILITY. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A
11 MINUTE FOR THIS OTHER PERSON, YOUR HONOR.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MS. ALRED, IT IS NOT, IN
14 ACCORDANCE WITH OUR RULES, TO DO THAT. I LET YOU DO IT WITH
15 HER.

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17 **GLORIA ALLRED:** WELL, I'M REPRESENTING HER. IT'S JULIE MAE.
18 SHE'S DEAF.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE NEXT PERSON ON MY LIST IS
21 VISWANATHAN NATE. YOU'RE NEXT, MR. NATE. GO AHEAD. OKAY. START
22 THE CLOCK. YOUR TIME IS RUNNING, SIR. SO I ASK YOU TO FOCUS.

23

24 **NATE VISWANATHAN:** OKAY. I'M NOT GOING TO SAY ANYTHING MORE
25 THAN WHAT EVERYBODY ELSE SAID. IN THE CASE OF SHERIFF BACA, HE



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1 HAS BEEN DOING A DIFFICULT JOB AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL,
2 HANDLING SOME 9,000 SWORN DEPUTIES. YES, 9,000 MINDS,
3 STRUGGLING TO WORK TOGETHER, HERE THERE ARE FIVE PEOPLE, THE
4 FIVE MINDS DON'T GO TOGETHER. THE SUPREME COURT, THERE ARE 9
5 JUDGES. ALL THE 9 JUDGES DON'T GO TOGETHER. HERE, HE HAS GOT
6 9,000 PEOPLE AND HE HAS GOT TO WORK WITH THEM. SO HE'S
7 STRUGGLING SO HARD TO DO A VERY GOOD JOB. STRUGGLING WITH
8 LIMITED FUNDS. HE CAN'T EVEN PUT TWO PEOPLE IN A CAR IN A BAD
9 AREA TO SUPERVISE THEM, FACING SOCIAL, LEGAL, POLITICAL AND
10 ADMINISTRATIVE PRESSURE AS HE'S GOING THROUGH NOW. WORST OF
11 ALL, HANDLING THE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. IS THIS THE FAULT OF THE
12 SHERIFF OR THE FAULT OF THE WHOLE PRISON SYSTEM WITHIN THE
13 L.A. COUNTY? FOLKS, THANK GOD PARIS HILTON'S CASE HAS BROUGHT
14 TO LIGHT A MATTER OF SERIOUS IMPORTANCE TO THE PUBLIC AND
15 FORTUNATELY EVERYBODY HAS UNDERSTOOD HOW DIFFICULT IT IS...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ASHLEY
18 MORRISON. IS ASHLEY MORRISON?

19

20 **GLORIA ALLRED:** ASHLEY MORRISON HAS SIGNED UP AND SHE WAIVES
21 AND GIVES HER TIME.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE IS SHE? WHICH ONE IS ASHLEY
24 MORRISON?

25



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1 **GLORIA ALLRED:** RIGHT HERE, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WAIVING YOUR TIME?

4

5 **ASHLEY MORRISON:** YES.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** START THE CLOCK. AND THEN HANG ON

8 A SECOND. IS JULIE-- DON'T START THE CLOCK. JULIA MAY

9 ANDERSON.

10

11 **GLORIA ALLRED:** YES, I'M REPRESENTING HER. SHE'S DEAF.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. GLORIA? YOU'RE A

14 GOOD LAWYER BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO OUTFOX THIS BOARD TODAY.

15

16 **GLORIA ALLRED:** THERE'S NOTHING-- NOBODY'S TRIED TO OUTFOX.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN'T SERIALLY TAKE EVERY ONE

19 OF YOUR CLIENTS DOWN HERE AND THEN TAKE A MINUTE-- PARDON?

20

21 **GLORIA ALLRED:** THERE WERE ONLY TWO. I ALREADY DID ONE. THERE'S

22 ONLY ONE. SHE'S DEAF. 100% DEAF. MAY I SPEAK FOR HER, PLEASE?

23 THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT YOU WON'T SPEAK FOR MS.

2 ANDERSON.

3

4 **GLORIA ALLRED:** WELL, THAT'S WHO I'M SPEAKING FOR. THANK YOU.

5 MS. ANDERSON. MS. ANDERSON HAS 100% NERVE DEAFNESS IN BOTH

6 EARS AND SHE WAS RECENTLY INCARCERATED AT CENTURY REGIONAL

7 DETENTION CENTER FROM MARCH 21ST, 2007 UNTIL MAY 19TH, 2007,

8 FOR A TOTAL OF 60 DAYS. OUT OF THIS 60-DAY PERIOD, SHE COULD

9 NOT HEAR FOR 57 OF THOSE DAYS BECAUSE THE FACILITY WOULD NOT

10 GIVE HER BATTERIES FOR HER IMPLANT TO WORK, EVEN THOUGH THE

11 JUDGE IN HER CASE HAD COURT ORDERED THEM THREE DIFFERENT TIMES

12 AND WE HAVE THE DATE. AND SHE WAS SCARED, SHE WAS DEPRESSED,

13 SHE WAS CONFUSED, SHE COULDN'T FOLLOW WHAT THE DEPUTIES WERE

14 SAYING, SHE LOST HER INDEPENDENCE, SHE COULDN'T TALK TO HER

15 CHILDREN FOR TWO MONTHS ON THE PHONE BECAUSE SHE COULDN'T GET

16 THE BATTERIES. HER MOTHER CAME TO SEE HER, HER MOTHER IS

17 DISABLED, UNLIKE PARIS HILTON'S PARENTS WHO WERE ABLE TO GET

18 IN IN 15 MINUTES. HER MOTHER, WHO IS DISABLED, HAD TO WAIT

19 FIVE HOURS AND THEN SHE COULDN'T GET IN. THIS IS NOT RIGHT. WE

20 HAVE TO HAVE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR EVERYONE. WE HAVE TO HAVE THE

21 MEDICAL TREATMENT THAT THEY DESERVE TO HAVE AND THEY DESERVE

22 TO HAVE IT AND THEY DESERVE TO HAVE IT NOW. THANK YOU VERY

23 MUCH.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NAJEE ALI, TODD HAYES,
2 BRIAN QUINTANA. MR. ALI IS COMING UP. IS TODD HAYES STILL
3 HERE? COME ON DOWN. IS BRIAN QUINTANA HERE? YOU WANT TO BE
4 HEARD ON THIS ITEM? NO? NO? THANK YOU. SO WE HAVE MR. ALI AND
5 MR. HAYES. MR. ALI, YOU'RE FIRST.

6

7 **NAJEE ALI:** REAL QUICK, SUPERVISORS, GLORIA ALLRED HAS SAID IT
8 ALL. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF GLORIA ALLRED BUT, MORE
9 IMPORTANTLY, I'M NOT HERE BECAUSE OF PARIS HILTON BUT I GAVE
10 MY WORD TO THE SEVERAL DOZEN FAMILY MEMBERS WHO CONTACTED ME
11 THAT I WOULD COME DOWN AND ASK THE BOARD TO ENSURE THAT EACH
12 INMATE WHO HAS A MEDICAL PROBLEM HAS THE SAME FAIR AND EQUAL
13 TREATMENT THAT THEY DESERVE ALSO, SO I'M GLAD THAT YOUR COUNTY
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DID DO THE INVESTIGATION. CERTAINLY
15 SHERIFF LEE BACA, I HAVE THE HIGHEST RESPECT FOR. I KNOW HIS
16 HEART'S IN THE RIGHT PLACE BUT, AS I TOLD HIM, HE'S MY FRIEND
17 BUT I DISAGREE WITH HIS DECISION TO LET PARIS HILTON GO BASED
18 ON A MEDICAL DECISION, AND CERTAINLY I THINK ALL THE INMATES
19 IN THE COUNTY JAIL COULD USE THAT TO ALSO COME HOME SOONER. SO
20 I'M VERY CONCERNED THAT THEY'LL USE THAT AS A PRECEDENT AND
21 DEMAND THE PARIS HILTON TREATMENT. SO THANK YOU FOR MY TIME
22 AND HOPEFULLY EVERYONE CAN GET THE SAME EQUAL TREATMENT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. ALI. MR. HAYES.

25



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1 **TUT HAYES:** SURELY THERE'S PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN THE JAILS.
2 IF YOU ARE A BANK ROBBER WITH 26 BANK ROBBERIES, WHY ARE YOU
3 IN THE COUNTY JAIL TO BEGIN WITH? AND HOW DO YOU GET OUT?
4 WELL, THE SHERIFF WILL GIVE YOU A GUN, THEY WILL GIVE YOU A
5 CROWBAR, THEY WILL GIVE YOU BOLT CUTTERS AND THEY WILL GIVE
6 YOU A 5-TON JACK INTO YOUR CELL SO YOU CAN ESCAPE. I WAS ON
7 THAT SAME ROW, I SAW SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SHERIFF BACA
8 WALK THROUGH DURING THE ESCAPE. NOT ONE DEPUTY IS WILLING TO
9 HEAR MY TALE AS HOW THE DEPUTIES WERE ARRANGING AN INSIDE
10 ESCAPE. THAT BANK ROBBER HAD 26 BANK ROBBERIES. WHERE IS THE
11 MONEY? WELL, THAT MONEY PROBABLY WENT INTO HANDS, POCKETS OR
12 SECRET BANK ACCOUNTS OF THE DEPUTIES WHO ARRANGED THAT ESCAPE.
13 WHEN CAN I TALK TO THE SHERIFF ABOUT THE FACT THAT I SAW AND
14 EVERYONE ELSE SAW AN ATTEMPTED ESCAPE WHICH MIGHT HAVE COST
15 SOMEONE'S LIVES, TAKING PLACE IN THE JAIL AND NO ONE WILL
16 LISTEN TO ME? THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. HAYES. ALL RIGHT.
19 WE'LL RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT. ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE
20 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT. MR.
21 JANSSEN. MR. JANSSEN? WE'RE BACK ON THE KING MEDICAL CENTER
22 ISSUE.

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** OKAY. IF WE CAN GET LEELA AND DR. CHERNOF
25 BACK. WE ATTEMPTED TO SYNTHESIZE THE MOTIONS. YOU HAVE COPIES



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1 IN FRONT OF YOU AND YOU WILL QUICKLY BE ABLE TO TELL US HOW
2 SUCCESSFUL WE WERE. THE PRINCIPAL DIFFERENCE, I WOULD SAY, HAS
3 TO DO WITH THE BEILENSON HEARINGS AND THE 90-DAY NOTICE, WHICH
4 WE TOOK OUT BASED ON-- I THINK, BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT IT
5 WILL EITHER BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE SURVEY OR NOT AND, IF IT'S
6 NOT SUCCESSFUL, THEN THE STATE WILL STEP IN AND DO SOMETHING
7 WITH THE LICENSE. THEREFORE, THERE'S NO NEED FOR EITHER ONE OF
8 THOSE. THAT THE ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE SURVEY--
9 COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE SURVEY HAS TO
10 BE COMPLETED BEFORE THERE'S ANY FINAL ACTION ON ANYTHING BUT
11 THERE ARE IMMEDIATE ACTIONS THAT WE NEED TO TAKE TO GET READY
12 IN THE EVENT THAT WE DON'T PASS THE SURVEY. SO WE'RE NOT
13 WAITING-- OR STARTING IN AUGUST WITH LOOKING AT REDOING
14 AMBULANCE SERVICE AREAS, DOING AN INFORMAL PROCESS TO SOLICIT
15 POSSIBLE CONTRACTORS TO OPERATE A DIFFERENT FACILITY SHOULD WE
16 NOT PASS. THAT WE TALKED TO IMPACTED HOSPITALS IMMEDIATELY ON
17 THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. THOSE KINDS OF DIRECTIONS, I GUESS.
18 A MOVEMENT QUICKLY TO START THE PREPARATION BUT NOT AN
19 IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE ALTERNATIVES UNTIL THE SURVEY IS
20 COMPLETED. THAT WAS WHAT WE BELIEVED TO BE A CONSENSUS, IF YOU
21 WILL.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE, BEFORE YOU GO, I JUST
2 READ IT. I THOUGHT YOU DID A GOOD JOB...

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, AS THE MAKER OF ONE OF THE MOTIONS, I'M VERY
5 COMFORTABLE WITH THE-- PUTTING THIS PACKAGE TOGETHER AND I
6 HAVE NO PROBLEM MOVING THE MOTION.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT RIGHT? SO IT'S A JANSSEN-
9 KNABE MOTION? IS THAT WHAT IT IS? SO THIS IS A FIRST. SEE,
10 FIRST THEY GIVE YOU-- GIVE HIM AN INCH AND NOW HE'S GOT
11 MOTIONS!

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** FIRST AND THE LAST.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S MOVED BY MR. KNABE, SECONDED
16 BY MS. MOLINA. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION? MS. MOLINA.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST TO CLARIFY. THE PART THAT HAS BEEN LEFT OUT,
19 AND I WASN'T GOING TO GET INVOLVED IN THIS BECAUSE I THOUGHT
20 IT WOULD BE-- I INTERPRET THAT WE TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY.

21

22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN YOU ENUMERATE WHAT THOSE ACTIONS ARE?

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, ITEM NUMBER 1 OF SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
2 MOTION WAS-- AND SOME OF THE NARRATIVE WAS TO IMPLEMENT ALL
3 THE PARTS OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN THAT COULD BE STARTED NOW,
4 NOT TO WAIT. YOUR MOTION, AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IDENTIFIED
5 MORE SPECIFICALLY WHAT THOSE WERE, WE TRIED TO DO THAT HERE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT'S THE SAME. IT'S THE SAME THEN?

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE THINK SO. WE THINK IT'S A SIMILAR DIRECTION
10 FROM BOTH MOTIONS BUT IT HAS TO DO WITH ITEM NUMBER 3,
11 IMMEDIATELY BEGIN TO SESSION WITH IMPACTED HOSPITALS ON THE
12 EMERGENCY ROOM CHALLENGE. NUMBER 4, THIS WAS IN YOUR MOTION,
13 TO DO AN R.F.I. FOR THE URGENT CARE CENTER. NUMBER 8 IS THE
14 EMPLOYEES BUT, AGAIN, NOT UNTIL THE SURVEY IS COMPLETED.
15 NUMBER 9, UNDERTAKE AN EXPEDITED PUBLIC SOLICITATION TO
16 IDENTIFY PRIVATE HOSPITAL OPERATORS. THOSE ARE THE SPECIFICS.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT BUT...

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE ONLY-- I THINK YOU MAY NOT HAVE BEEN IN
21 QUITE YET, THE MAJOR THING THAT WE DROPPED OUT WAS THE
22 BEILENSON AND THE 90-DAY, WHICH WE BELIEVE THE SURVEY IS GOING
23 TO RESOLVE. IF WE DON'T PASS THE SURVEY, THE STATE IS LIKELY
24 TO STEP IN AND PULL THE LICENSE, THEREFORE YOU DON'T NEED TO



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1 DO EITHER ONE OF THOSE. THAT'S THE ASSUMPTION ON THOSE TWO
2 ITEMS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THAT IS THE ASSUMPTION. SO YOU'RE
5 SAYING THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO GIVE NOTICE BECAUSE, IF WE PASS,
6 THEN WE DON'T NEED THE CONTINGENCY PLAN, RIGHT? CORRECT?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SAY YES.

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT. WELL, I WAS JUST THINKING THROUGH IT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ONE. BUT IF WE DON'T PASS, THE STATE IS
15 GOING TO TAKE AWAY OUR LICENSE AND CREATE WHAT PROCESS?

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT, I THINK, LEELA WILL TELL YOU, WE DON'T
18 KNOW EXACTLY WHAT PROCESS THE STATE WOULD PUT IN PLACE, BUT WE
19 BELIEVE OR WOULD HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE A TRANSITION PERIOD
20 OF ANYWHERE FROM A WEEK TO A MONTH, MAYBE EVEN THREE MONTHS,
21 FOR US TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTINGENCY PLAN.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO AND UNDER YOUR MOTION, I MEAN...

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT'S NOT OUR MOTION. PLEASE.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** UNDER OUR COLLECTIVELY REDESIGNED MOTION, I JUST
3 WANT TO CLARIFY ONE PART, BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT
4 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I WERE MOVING FOR WAS TO BEGIN THE
5 NOTIFICATION PROCESS BECAUSE WE FELT THAT THAT WAS ONE OF THE
6 THINGS WE HAD FOUND OUT IN OUR BRIEFING THAT WAS AN ESSENTIAL
7 COMPONENT THAT-- IF WE SHOULD TAKE THE ACTION OURSELVES. SO
8 WHAT WE'RE TRYING-- WHAT WE ARE DOING, ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTOOD
9 WE WEREN'T CLOSING BECAUSE, DURING THE 90-DAY PERIOD, C.M.S.
10 WILL TRUMP WHATEVER ANYTHING BECAUSE THEY CAN COME IN AND
11 LITERALLY DENY US FUNDING AND THEN EVENTUALLY IT WOULD LEAD TO
12 PROBABLY REVOKING OUR LICENSE. SO, UNDER THIS PROCESS, THAT'S
13 WHAT YOU LEFT OUT AND IN BEILENSON WE CAN GET HOPEFULLY IN
14 TIME FOR. BUT THIS IS GOING TO EXPEDITE ALL OF THESE OTHER
15 ITEMS SO THAT, SHOULD THAT HAPPEN, SHOULD THAT HAPPEN, WE CAN
16 BEGIN THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS. BUT THE NOTIFICATION PROCESS,
17 WHICH WE NEED TO CLARIFY, DOES THAT MEAN WE HAVE TO WAIT 90
18 DAYS? WE'RE GOING TO BE RUNNING-- LET ME JUST SAY, WE'RE GOING
19 TO BE RUNNING AN UNSAFE HOSPITAL FOR 90 DAYS? WELL, I WANT TO
20 UNDERSTAND THAT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'LL BE RUNNING THE SAME HOSPITAL WE'VE BEEN
23 RUNNING...

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK...



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, NO, NO. RIGHT NOW, WE ARE RUNNING A HOSPITAL
3 THAT, WHILE IS NOT IN IMMEDIATE JEOPARDY, IS IN JEOPARDY. I
4 JUST WANT TO UNDERSTAND. IF THEY, ON AUGUST 15TH, SAY, "I'M
5 SORRY, YOU DIDN'T PASS," THEY'RE GOING TO PULL OUR FUNDING AND
6 I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TIMEFRAME IS. DOES THAT MEAN THAT WE
7 HAVE TO GIVE NOTICE THAT DAY AND CREATE THE 90-DAY PERIOD? I
8 THINK THE ANSWER IS YES, CORRECT?

9

10 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** TECHNICALLY, YES, SUPERVISOR, BUT THE
11 REALITY IS THAT THE HOSPITAL WILL NOT REMAIN STABLE FOR A 90-
12 DAY PERIOD OF TIME IF WE DON'T PASS THE SURVEY. THAT'S THE
13 PRACTICAL REALITY.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** EITHER THE STATE WILL REMOVE THE LICENSE OR
16 DR. CHERNOF WILL ASK THEM TO REMOVE THE LICENSE.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND BUT LET'S SAY HE DOES. LET'S SAY HE
19 DOES. THAT'S THE UNKNOWN THAT WE HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT, RIGHT?

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, BUT WE'LL BE MUCH CLOSER TO BEING READY,
22 EVEN IF IT'S A WEEK, THAN WE ARE TODAY BECAUSE OF THE
23 DIRECTION IN THE MOTION.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** CLEARLY, THAT IS TRUE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA...

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S ALL COMING BACK ON JULY 17TH.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IF I MAY, SUPERVISOR, THE PRESUMPTION WE'RE
7 WORKING UNDER IS THAT, IF WE DO NOT PASS C.M.S., THE HOSPITAL
8 WILL DESTABILIZE VERY QUICKLY AND THE STATE WILL NOT ONLY PULL
9 THE LICENSE BUT THEY WILL PULL IT IMMEDIATELY, AS OPPOSED TO
10 THE REVOCATION PROCEDURES THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING,
11 WHICH IS A MUCH LONGER PERIOD OF TIME. THEY WILL NOT ALLOW US
12 TO-- THEY WILL NOT KEEP OUR LICENSE IN PLACE FOR ANY LENGTH OF
13 TIME.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THERE WILL BE NO HEARINGS, NO
16 E.M.S., NO BEILENSEN, DO NOT PASS GO, DO NOT COLLECT \$200.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. THEN COULD I ASK YOU, THEN WHAT I'D
19 LIKE YOU TO DO AND I KNOW ONE OF THE PARTS THAT I-- AND THAT'S
20 THE PART I WANT TO UNDERSTAND. AGAIN, I WOULD PREFER THAT THE
21 90-DAY NOTICE BE IN PLACE BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S A SAFETY
22 MEASURE FOR US BUT I DON'T KNOW. SO THE ISSUE IS GOING TO BE
23 THAT, HOPEFULLY, YOU'RE GOING TO COME BACK IN, WHAT, THREE
24 WEEKS WITH WHERE YOU ARE...

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MORE INFORMATION STATUS REPORT.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT THE MOST CRITICAL COMPONENT, LEELA, IS TO GET
4 A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE OUR LICENSE WILL STAND UNDER
5 BOTH SCENARIOS. THE REASON I SAY IS THAT WHAT WE WANT TO--
6 WHAT OUR GOAL IS UNDER THAT IS HOW DO WE PRESERVE THE LICENSE
7 SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO OPEN UP THAT HOSPITAL UNDER MERV
8 DYMALLY'S IDEA, UNDER SOME OTHER LEADERSHIP. SECOND OF ALL...

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S NUMBER 5, RECOMMENDATION NUMBER 5.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** REAL QUICKLY. I KNOW. SECOND OF ALL IS THE OTHER
13 PART YOU LEFT OUT...

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE DIDN'T LEAVE THAT OUT. THAT'S NUMBER 5.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE GOING TO DO
18 THAT. AND THAT'S WHY I'M HOPING SHE, IN THREE WEEKS, WILL GIVE
19 US THOSE OPTIONS. I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT THE OTHER PART YOU
20 LEFT OUT, WHICH, AGAIN, IS-- IT'S AN OPTION AND YOU'RE NOT
21 EVEN LOOKING AT IT AND IT'S NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO US.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WHICH IS WHAT?

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH IS THE PART OF REVIEWING THE POTENTIAL OF
2 OPERATING MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF
3 HARBOR-U.C.L.A., THE ENTIRE LEADERSHIP, NOT JUST SOME OF THE
4 LEADERSHIP. YOU LEFT IT OUT.

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, WE HAD A DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S JUST A STUDY. IT'S JUST A REVIEW. IT'S JUST
9 AN ANALYSIS THAT WOULD COME BACK. IT ISN'T AN ACTION.

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WHAT WE HAD TALKED ABOUT, AND I THINK WOULD
12 WORK, IS, UNDER NUMBER 9, TO SERVE PATIENTS NOW SERVE--
13 UNDERTAKE PUBLIC SOLICITATION AND, SHOULD THAT NOT WORK,
14 CONSIDER THE ALTERNATIVE OF THE COUNTY OPERATING ITSELF.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT? I DIDN'T HEAR YOU.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE OPTION OF THE COUNTY OPERATING ITSELF,
19 WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF HARBOR. THERE MAY BE
20 OTHER.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I KNOW THERE MAY BE OTHERS BUT WILL THAT
23 ONE BE INCLUDED IN THE OTHERS?

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, WE COULD ADD IT TO NUMBER 9.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, HANG ON. YOU ARE LOOKING AT
3 THAT OPTION. YOU TOLD IT TO US-- I GUESS WE DON'T LISTEN TO
4 WHAT YOU TELL US.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S PART OF THE CONTINGENCY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU TOLD US LAST WEEK THAT ONE OF
9 YOUR CONTINGENCY PLANS IS, ONE OF YOUR OPTIONS IS TO SELL THE
10 HOSPITAL, TO CONTRACT IT OUT, OR TO BRING IT UNDER THE HARBOR-
11 U.C.L.A. LICENSE, ISN'T THAT TRUE?

12

13 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** OR ONE OF THE OTHER COUNTIES FACILITIES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OR ONE OF THE OTHER COUNTY
16 FACILITIES

17

18 **DR. BRUCE CHERNOF:** YES.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT HARBOR, YOU SAT HERE AND TOLD
21 US THAT LAST WEEK.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, SO LET'S PUT IT IN THE MOTION.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT IT'S UNDER WE ARE PROVING THE CONTINGENCY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, BUT THAT'S NOT THE ONLY
3 THING HE'S GOING TO LOOK AT SO YOU WANT TO PUT EVERY SINGLE
4 THING THAT HE MIGHT LOOK AT IN THE MOTION? HE'S LOOKING AT THE
5 WHOLE BROAD THING.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT, ZEV, WE'RE JUST TRYING-- DON'T GET
8 YELL-- MAD AT US. WE ARE JUST TRYING TO GET A CLARIFICATION...

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I JUST-- IT'S JUST...

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WE WANT TO BE SUPPORTIVE HERE AND I THINK THERE
13 IS A DUTY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT I THINK THE LANGUAGE, GLORIA,
16 THAT IS IN THERE NOW, GIVES HIM THE BREADTH TO BE ABLE TO DO
17 THAT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. I UNDERSTAND WHICH IS WHAT I ASKED
20 THE QUESTION! IF, IN FACT, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT TO BE ONE OF
21 THE OPTIONS.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, WE DO.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WILL...



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE DO UNDERSTAND THAT-- YES.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...ACCEPT IT BUT I DON'T WANT TO HEAR, IN THREE
5 WEEKS, OH, WELL, THAT WASN'T WRITTEN IN THE MOTION.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I APPRECIATE THAT. THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING FOR A
10 CLARIFICATION. PLEASE DON'T GET UPSET. MY NAME IS GLORIA BUT
11 IT'S NOT ALLRED AND I DON'T TAKE IT THE SAME WAY, OKAY? [
12 LAUGHTER, BOOS FROM THE AUDIENCE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL...

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** A VOTING MEMBER HERE SO YOU'RE NOT SHUTTING ME
17 UP. SO ONE THING IS THAT...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DIDN'T SHUT HER UP, EITHER. [
20 LAUGHS]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL...

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE DO UNDERSTAND.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WE DO THAT IN NUMBER ONE, GLORIA.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I TAKE TREMENDOUS PRIDE IN THAT. ANYWAY, SO
4 I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY THAT PORTION OF IT. SO, REALLY, THE
5 ONLY REAL DIFFERENCE IN CONCEPT IS THE...

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NOTICE.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...THE NOTIFICATION OF 90 DAYS AND I THINK THAT
10 THAT'S ACCEPTABLE TO US, AS LONG AS ALL OF THOSE OTHER OPTIONS
11 ARE REVIEWED AND GIVES US A HEAD START TO START THE
12 CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT IS NUMBER ONE, ENDORSE, IN PRINCIPLE, THE
17 CONTINGENCY PLAN SUBMITTED BY D.H.S. WHICH INCLUDED THE
18 OPTIONS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SOUNDS LIKE WE-- IS THERE ANY
21 OBJECTION TO THE MOTION? IF NOT, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU.
22 NOW YOU CAN GO BACK TO WORK.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPEAKING SPANISH).

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT ELSE DO WE HAVE? YOU'RE ON.
2 YOU'RE STILL ON. KNABE, YOU'RE STILL ON. YOU STARTED AT 10:30.
3
4 **SUP. KNABE:** BOY, IT'S ALMOST DINNER BUT LET'S SEE, WE--
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I HELD ITEM 57-B.
6
7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO IT, IF I
8 CAN THROW IT INTO THE MIX HERE.
9
10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE TRISH AND BOB TAYLOR AND DR.
11 FIELDING.
12
13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME-- WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP,
14 LET ME JUST-- I'M NOT GOING TO READ THE WHOLE MOTION, I'LL
15 JUST READ THE RESOLVE PART. I MOVE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
16 DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND D.C.F.S. TO EXPLORE ALL
17 OPTIONS FOR ALLOCATING THE 5.2 MILLION NEEDED TO FUND THE 5%
18 FOSTER CARE PROVIDER RATE INCREASE AND REPORT BACK IN TIME FOR
19 CONSIDERATION DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2007/2008 SUPPLEMENTAL
20 BUDGET IN SEPTEMBER. IT'S A REPORT BACK BUT I DIDN'T PUT THAT
21 IN WHEN WE DID THE BUDGET BUT NO HARM, NO FOUL. IS THERE ANY
22 OBJECTION TO THAT? NO, NO, I'M NOT TAKING UP THE WHOLE THING.
23 I JUST DID THE AMENDMENT-- LEAVE THE AMENDMENT ON THE TABLE,
24 OKAY. IT'S A REPORT BACK TO SEE IF WE CAN FIND MONEY TO PAY
25 FOR THE 5% INCREASE...



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WHEN WE DISCUSS THE BUDGET.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. FIELDING?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** READ THE PREAMBLE.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE PREAMBLE IS TOO LONG. I GOT... (OFF MIKE)

9 ...CONSTITUTION...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, EXACTLY. OR THE GETTYSBURG

12 ADDRESS. WHO WANTS TO GO FIRST? TRISH?

13

14 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** CERTAINLY. GOOD AFTERNOON.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DO YOU HAVE

17 SOMETHING TO-- MR. ANTONOVICH, DID YOU WANT THEM TO REPORT?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS, THAT'S WHY...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEN YOU'RE ON.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. TRISH, AT WHAT POINT DO YOU EXPECT THE

24 IMPACT RELATIVE TO-- THE WIDESPREAD IMPACT THAT WILL AFFECT

25 WAIVER FINANCING SUCH AS THE K.D.A. SETTLEMENT AND LAWSUIT



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1 INVOLVING GROUP HOME RATES, AT WHAT POINT DO YOU EXPECT EACH
2 TO OCCUR DURING THE LIFE OF THIS WAIVER AND WHAT ARE THE
3 ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACTS OF EACH?

4

5 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THE LAWSUIT FROM THE ALLIANCE IS ABOUT GROUP
6 HOME RATES AND THERE IS NO COURT DATE AT THIS POINT IN TIME SO
7 WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THAT THAT WILL-- HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE
8 FOR THAT TO OCCUR. IT COULD BE DAYS, IT COULD BE WEEKS, IT
9 COULD BE YEARS. AS FAR AS THE K.D.A. SETTLEMENT, WE ARE
10 ONGOING SINCE 2002 ON THAT SETTLEMENT-- OR 2004, ACTUALLY, AND
11 IT IS GOING TO BE A PROTRACTED AND PHASED-IN APPROACH. AT THIS
12 POINT IN TIME, WE'RE UNDER A JUDGE'S ORDER TO HAVE 500
13 ADDITIONAL R.A.P. SLOTS BY MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR AND 300
14 INTENSIVE FOSTER CARE SLOTS BY JANUARY OF NEXT YEAR. WE
15 CERTAINLY EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE MORE ORDERS FROM THE COURT
16 TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE ADEQUATE MENTAL HEALTH CARE FOR OUR
17 YOUTH AND IT COULD BE ANYWHERE FROM TWO YEARS PROBABLY AT THE
18 MINIMUM TO ANOTHER 10 YEARS UNDER THAT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DO YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER EVENTS, SUCH AS
21 PUBLIC HEALTH PULLING 20 NURSES FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT?

22

23 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** ACTUALLY, THEY'RE NOT COMING FROM MY
24 DEPARTMENT. THEY'RE IN DR. FIELDING'S DEPARTMENT. HE HAS 67
25 NURSES THAT ARE DEDICATED 100% TO OUR CHILDREN THAT ARE IN



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1 CARE AND HIS BUDGET HAS NOT ALLOWED HIM TO CONTINUE TO HAVE
2 ALL 67 IN PLACE AND 20 OF THOSE NURSES, UNLESS THERE IS EITHER
3 FUNDING PROVIDED FOR HIM OR I CAN UTILIZE WAIVER SAVINGS TO
4 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THOSE NURSES, WE WILL LOSE THEM AND THAT
5 DOES HAVE AN IMPACT ON OUR WAIVER. IT WILL CAUSE BOTH THE
6 NURSES ON THE FRONT END SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE IN PLACE TO HELP
7 US DO ASSESSMENTS OF CHILDREN THAT ARE POTENTIAL VICTIMS OF
8 ABUSE AND IT ALSO HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON K.D.A. BECAUSE WE
9 REALLY NEED THOSE NURSES TO ASSIST US WITH THESE MENTAL HEALTH
10 ASSESSMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. FIELDING, HOW CAN WE ADDRESS THOSE 20
13 NURSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT?

14

15 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YES, WE
16 AGREE ENTIRELY, THEY'RE VERY IMPORTANT. UNFORTUNATELY, THE
17 STATE HAS CHANGED ITS FUNDING FORMULA AND WHAT THEY'LL
18 RECOGNIZE FOR-- TO FUND AND THAT LED TO A SHORTFALL IN FUNDS
19 AND WE HAD A CHOICE OF EITHER ASKING FOR FUNDING TO REPLACE
20 THOSE OR NOT. WE ASKED FOR THAT MONEY IN OUR DELIBERATIONS
21 WITH THE C.A.O., BUT THEY FELT THAT, SINCE THE STATE HAD
22 CHANGED THEIR FUNDING MECHANISMS, WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO ADD NET
23 COUNTY COST AND THAT RECOMMENDATION DID NOT GO FORWARD.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW HAS ALAMEDA COUNTY OPT INTO THE WAIVER?



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2 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THEY ACTUALLY, THEIR BOARD APPROVED THEIR
3 WAIVER ABOUT 2-1/2 HOURS AGO.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION FULLY ON BOARD
6 WITH IMPLEMENTING THE SEQUENCE ONE WAIVER INITIATIVES OR DO
7 YOU REQUIRE A CULTURAL CHANGE AND, IF SO, HOW DO YOU CHANGE
8 THAT CULTURE?

9

10 **BOB TAYLOR:** YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'D REALLY LIKE
11 TO COMMENT ON IS THAT MUCH OF THAT CULTURE CHANGE HAS ALREADY
12 OCCURRED. I KNOW THAT THIS-- THE BOARD AND THE C.A.O., FOR
13 SOME TIME, HAVE WANTED DEPARTMENTS TO WORK MORE CLOSELY
14 TOGETHER, THAT THEY FELT DEPARTMENTS WERE SILOED AND ONE OF
15 THE THINGS THAT REALLY HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THIS
16 PROCESS IS THAT THE TWO DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN WORKING MUCH
17 MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER. THEY'RE MUCH MORE ALIGNED. PART OF OUR
18 PLAN, PART OF OUR ROLLOUT AS TO REALLY CO-LOCATE SOME OF OUR
19 FUNCTIONS TOGETHER, TO DO SOME TRAINING TOGETHER, SO WE'RE
20 ACTUALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING THAT RELATIONSHIP.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE PROJECTED \$4.2 MILLION IN SAVINGS BE
23 ENOUGH TO COVER THE LOSSES IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENTS FOR
24 THE FIRST YEAR OF THE WAIVER? IF NOT, HOW WOULD YOU HANDLE IT?

25



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1 **BOB TAYLOR:** WE BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH SAVINGS THERE
2 TO COVER THOSE COSTS, YES.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND NOW THE NEW STAFF YOU'RE HIRING WILL BE
5 PAID FOR BY THE ASSISTANCE BUDGET SAVINGS, GIVEN PROBATION'S
6 LOSS? AT WHAT POINT WILL YOU KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT THOSE
7 SAVINGS ARE ACTUALLY REALIZED?

8

9 **BOB TAYLOR:** WELL, WE PROBABLY WON'T KNOW IF THOSE SAVINGS ARE
10 REALIZED UNTIL AFTER WE'VE BEEN INTO THE WAIVER FOR ABOUT A
11 YEAR BUT, YES, WE ARE ANTICIPATING USING THOSE SAVINGS TO PAY
12 FOR THE STAFF.

13

14 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** BOTH DEPARTMENTS ARE BEING VERY CONSERVATIVE
15 IN WHAT WE'RE PURCHASING WITH THIS MONEY AND WE ARE NOT
16 SPENDING MONEY THAT WE DON'T HAVE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE PLAN BEFORE US TODAY, THE EVALUATION
19 COMPONENT IS WEAK, SO THE PLAN INDICATES LIMITED OR UNRELIABLE
20 BASELINE DATA AND THAT BENCHMARKS WILL BE DEVELOPED AFTER THE
21 FIRST YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION. GIVEN THE TOUGH QUESTIONS TO
22 STAY IN OR OPT OUT OF THE WAIVER MUST EFFECTIVELY WEIGH
23 IMPROVED OUTCOMES AGAINST EXPENDITURES SO WHAT DATA WOULD YOU
24 USE TO EVALUATE YOUR EFFECTIVENESS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THIS
25 WAIVER?



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2 **BOB TAYLOR:** WE'RE REALLY GOING TO HAVE TO ESTABLISH THOSE
3 BASELINES, THAT CRITERIA IN THAT FIRST YEAR BECAUSE WE REALLY
4 DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO MEASURE IT AGAINST AT THIS POINT. AND
5 SO, ONCE WE ESTABLISH THAT BASELINE, THEN WE WILL HAVE THE
6 ABILITY TO LOOK AT THOSE PROJECTIONS.

7

8 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** WE DO HAVE A JOINT MEETING. CASEY FAMILY
9 PROGRAMS, THE STATE, BOTH OF OUR DEPARTMENTS, ALAMEDA COUNTY,
10 UP IN SACRAMENTO ON THE 6TH OF JULY TO ACTUALLY SIT DOWN AND
11 START DEVELOPING NOT ONLY THE TRACKING MECHANISMS BUT EXACTLY
12 WHAT DATA WE NEED TO EXTRACT AND HOW.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND AT WHAT POINT WILL YOU HAVE THE NECESSARY
15 EVALUATION CRITERIA DETERMINED AND HOW LONG WILL THAT WAIVER
16 HAVE TO OPERATE BEFORE YOU KNOW FOR CERTAIN WHETHER THE
17 CRITERIA HAS BEEN MET?

18

19 **BOB TAYLOR:** THOSE TWO QUESTIONS ARE ACTUALLY RELATED BECAUSE
20 YOU NEED THAT BASELINE DATA IN ORDER TO DO A PROPER
21 EVALUATION. AND, AS TRISH INDICATED, WE'RE LOOKING TO CASEY
22 REALLY TO GIVE US SOME OF THE EXPERTISE AND HELP US ESTABLISH
23 THOSE BASELINES AND TO DEVELOP THAT MODEL.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EACH OF THE STARTUP DATES FOR THE SEQUENCE
2 ONE ARE DIFFERENT, SO WHICH IS THE ONE-YEAR EVALUATION OR WHEN
3 IS IT DUE, THAT ONE-YEAR EVALUATION?

4

5 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** SINCE IT'S A 5-YEAR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT,
6 WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS JUST KEEP US ON THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT
7 AND HAVE THIS ONE-YEAR ASSESSMENT DUE EVERY AUGUST. THAT FIRST
8 YEAR WILL BE SHORT BECAUSE SOME OF OUR STRATEGIES ARE IN
9 OCTOBER, OTHER ONES IN JANUARY, BUT I THINK THAT WILL KEEP US
10 ON TRACK SO THAT WE CAN FINISH OUT THE FIVE YEARS WITH AN
11 ASSESSMENT ONCE WE...

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEN PROBATION AND D.C.F.S. WILL BE
14 WORKING CLOSELY...

15

16 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** 100% PARTNERS, YES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT-- DIRECT THE
19 C.A.O. TO REPORT BACK EVERY 30 DAYS ON PROGRESS IN
20 STRENGTHENING THE WAIVER EVALUATION BY PLANNING, INCLUDING
21 DATA MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY FUNDING NECESSARY, TO
22 EFFECTIVELY MEASURE THE SUCCESS OF THE WAIVER AND HOW TO
23 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF NURSES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, HAVE
24 THAT AS AMENDMENT AS WELL.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WILL BE BACK
2 HERE IN JUST A MOMENT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU ACCEPT THAT? DO YOU ACCEPT THAT AMENDMENT?
7 REPORT BACK?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, HE ACCEPTS THAT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF THE NURSES.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE NURSES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE JUST A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. IN TERMS OF THE
18 BASELINE, THE STRATEGY TO ARRIVE AT THAT, YOU'RE USING OUTSIDE
19 PEOPLE TO WORK ON THAT OR IS THERE A SYSTEM YOU'VE ALREADY PUT
20 IN PLACE TO EVALUATE THE BASELINE?

21

22 **BOB TAYLOR:** WE'RE USING OUR STAFF BUT WE'RE ALSO RELYING UPON
23 THE EXPERTISE OF THE CASEY FOUNDATION FOLKS THAT HAVE AGREED
24 TO COME ON BOARD.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. SO THE CASEY PEOPLE WILL BE DOING THAT, I
2 MEAN, THEY WILL BE WORKING ON IT ALONG WITH OUR STAFF.

3

4 **BOB TAYLOR:** YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

5

6 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** AND ALONG WITH THE STATE. THE STATE HAS
7 ASSIGNED A-- AND A RESEARCHER TO DO TRACKING AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THAT WILL TAKE ABOUT HOW LONG?

10

11 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** MEANING?

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** TO COME UP WITH THE SYSTEM, THE BASELINE.

14

15 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THEY'RE GOING TO MEET ON JULY 6TH AND I
16 BELIEVE THAT THEY'LL HAVE THE FRAMEWORK DONE BY THE END OF THE
17 MONTH, END OF JULY.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. I'D JUST LIKE TO HAVE ONE OTHER-- I HAVE ONE
20 OTHER QUESTION. ARE THERE SOME OTHER THINGS THAT MIGHT COME UP
21 THAT ARE SIMILAR TO THIS WHOLE INCREASE, THE 5% INCREASE, THAT
22 CAN HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE WAIVER? DO YOU SEE ANY OTHER THINGS
23 THAT ARE GOING TO COME UP? I MEAN, THE MONEY KEEPS GOING DOWN
24 LIKE THIS, YOU KNOW, AND PRETTY SOON WE'RE GOING TO BE IN A
25 NEGATIVE POSITION. YOU KNOW OF NO OTHER THINGS? THIS IS IT?



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2 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** I CANNOT SAY THAT. CONCERNING K.D.A.,
3 CERTAINLY THE ALLIANCE LAWSUIT, CERTAINLY THE NURSES. I DIDN'T
4 EXPECT THE NURSES UNTIL THIS WEEK, SO I CANNOT TELL YOU THIS
5 IS IT. I CAN TELL YOU I KNOW OF NOTHING TODAY BUT I CANNOT
6 TELL YOU THAT THAT WON'T CHANGE TOMORROW.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ALAMEDA? I'M SORRY.

9

10 **BOB TAYLOR:** ONE OF THE GOOD THINGS, AS A PART OF THAT, IF YOU
11 WANT TO CALL IT A GOOD THING, AT LEAST, YOU KNOW, IT'S A
12 FAVORABLE THING, IF WE SEE THOSE DIMINISHED OPPORTUNITIES,
13 THEN WE'RE GOING TO EXERCISE OUR OPTION AND OPT OUT BUT THAT'S
14 NOT GOING TO CHANGE OUR RELATIONSHIP AND SOME OF THE THINGS
15 THAT WE'VE COMMITTED TO DO BETWEEN OUR TWO DEPARTMENTS.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. THAT'S GOOD. THAT IS A GOOD THING. WHAT'S
18 HAPPENING IN ALAMEDA? ARE THEY GOING ON WITH THE WAIVER? DID
19 THEY HAVE THE SAME IMPACT ON THIS 5% THAT WE DID? SO WHERE IS-
20 - DO WE KNOW ABOUT WHERE THEIR MONEY IS AND HOW MUCH THEY HAVE
21 AND HOW MUCH THEY'VE BEEN DIMINISHED?

22

23 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** YES. THEY DID TAKE THE SAME HIT THAT WE DID,
24 OBVIOUSLY, ON A SMALLER SCALE SINCE THEY ARE A SMALLER COUNTY.



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1 THEY BELIEVE THEY HAVE APPROXIMATELY \$2 MILLION PER YEAR TO
2 SPEND AS OPPOSED TO OUR 4.2 IF NOTHING IS AUGMENTED TO IT.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THEY'RE NOT LOOKING AT OPTING OUT?

5

6 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** CERTAINLY NOT. THEY JUST GOT THEIR BOARD
7 APPROVAL TODAY AND THEY ARE-- ACTUALLY, WHEN WE SPOKE LAST
8 WEEK, THEY BASICALLY SAID, LOS ANGELES, WE'RE IN IT TOGETHER
9 WITH YOU. IF YOU'RE GOING FORWARD, WE'RE GOING FORWARD.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** OKAY. GREAT. I HAVE NO OTHER QUESTIONS THEN.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. KNABE?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO
16 D.C.F.S. AND PROBATION FOR YOUR HARD WORK, YOU KNOW, ON THIS
17 WHOLE PROGRAM BUT I ALSO REMAIN CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC,
18 PRIMARILY FROM A FISCAL STANDPOINT. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING
19 RIGHT NOW THAT IT'S ONLY ABOUT \$20 MILLION OF THE 1.5 BILLION
20 4-E WAIVER MONEY, YOU KNOW, SO THAT'S REALLY A THIN LINE. SO
21 MY QUESTION IS, AND I THINK WE ADDRESSED THIS SOMEWHAT THE
22 LAST TIME WE HAD THIS CONVERSATION BUT, AT THIS PARTICULAR
23 POINT, D.C.F.S. IS REALLY SEVERELY OVERMATCHED IN THE TERMS OF
24 THE AMOUNT OF THE NET COUNTY COSTS THAT WE ALREADY PAY OUT FOR
25 THE DEPARTMENT. IF WE AGREE TO THIS WAIVER, WILL THIS INCREASE



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1 THE OVER MATCH AT ANY POINT IN TIME OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS
2 OR SO? IF SO, BY-- DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA, HOW MUCH?

3

4 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'M NOT CLEAR ON
5 THE QUESTION.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, YOU'RE OVER MATCHED RIGHT NOW, OKAY? AND, IN
8 TERMS OF THE AMOUNT OF NET COUNTY COSTS THAT WE ALREADY PAY
9 OUT FOR THE DEPARTMENT AS IT RELATES TO THE WAIVER, IF WE
10 AGREE TO THE WAIVER, WILL THIS INCREASE THE OVER MATCH AT ANY
11 POINT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS? IN OTHER WORDS, OUR NET COUNTY
12 COSTS, DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THAT MIGHT BE?

13

14 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** ACTUALLY, IT'S THE OPPOSITE. IF WE DID NOT GO
15 INTO THE WAIVER, WE WOULD BE SHORTFALL ABOUT \$40 MILLION A
16 YEAR ON NET COUNTY COST. THE WAIVER STATES THAT \$40 MILLION AT
17 THIS POINT IN TIME.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. BUT IT'S STILL-- WHAT DID YOU SAY?
20 YEAH. BUT, I MEAN, EVEN UNDER THIS, IT'S STILL GOING TO COST
21 US N.C.C., CORRECT? UNDER THIS WAIVER, ON THE OVER MATCH, IF
22 WE GET TO THAT POINT?

23

24 **BOB TAYLOR:** WE'VE HAD AN EXPENDITURE THAT'S BEEN A NET COUNTY
25 COST UP TO THIS POINT. WE HOPE TO...



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. I MEAN AND THERE-- THE SAVINGS ARE SPENT
3 DOWN, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET THAT MONEY FROM SOME PLACE,
4 IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **BOB TAYLOR:** THAT'S CORRECT BUT WE HOPE THAT, AS A PART OF THE
7 WAIVER, WE'LL BE ABLE TO RECOVER SOME OF THOSE INITIAL COSTS,
8 AS WELL AS THE COST OF THE WAIVER.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WILL WE HAVE A GOOD IDEA WHAT FINANCIAL
11 SITUATION WE'RE IN AS IT RELATES TO THIS WAIVER BY SEPTEMBER,
12 YOU THINK, OR WOULD IT BE BETTER, SAY, BY JANUARY?

13

14 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** JANUARY.

15

16 **BOB TAYLOR:** JANUARY, I THINK, YES.

17

18 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** ZEV, DO YOU MIND AMENDING YOUR MOTION FROM
21 SEPTEMBER TO JANUARY, THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE A BETTER HANDLE ON
22 THIS FINANCIAL SITUATION AT N.C.C. BY JANUARY, THAT'S WHAT
23 THEY'RE SAYING, VERSUS SEPTEMBER?

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I DON'T THINK IT HAS
2 ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEIR N.C.C. IN JANUARY. IT HAS TO DO WITH
3 WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO-- WELL, IT HAS IN A BACK DOOR SORT OF
4 WAY. ALL WE'RE ASKING FOR IS A REPORT BACK IN SEPTEMBER. WE
5 CAN THEN DECIDE TO MOVE IT TO JANUARY BUT IF WE DETERMINE THAT
6 WE NEED TO MOVE IN SEPTEMBER, AT LEAST WE'RE READY TO GO.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING FURTHER? SO
11 THE AMENDMENT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE AMENDMENTS ARE -- ALL
12 THE AMENDMENTS ARE APPROVED AND WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US.
13 MR. KNABE WILL MOVE, MR. ANTONOVICH SECONDS. WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THAT WAS 57-B.

15

16 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU WANT TO TAKE UP 20 AND 21.
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 20 AND 21...

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OH, I'M SORRY. BRUCE. HOLD OFF ON
24 THAT VOTE. WE HAD ONE PERSON THAT WANTED TO SPEAK, BRUCE
25 SALTZER, REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HUMAN



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1 SERVICES AGENCIES. I APOLOGIZE, BRUCE. I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU
2 SIT THERE ALL DAY.

3

4 **BRUCE SALTZER:** YEAH, IT HAS BEEN A LONG DAY.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE WERE LOOKING FOR YOUR INPUT
7 INTO THE PARIS HILTON CASE.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL MOVE RECONSIDER-- MR. CHAIRMAN, I'LL MOVE FOR
10 RECONSIDERATION.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO OBJECTION. IT WILL BE
13 RECONSIDERED.

14

15 **BRUCE SALTZER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. A.C.H.S.A., WHICH
16 REPRESENTS OVER 80 NONPROFIT CHILD WELFARE AND COMMUNITY
17 MENTAL HEALTH AGENCIES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY STRONGLY
18 SUPPORTS THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND GENERAL PRINCIPLES
19 BEHIND THE COUNTY'S 4-E WAIVER PROPOSAL, WHICH EMPHASIZES THE
20 IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND
21 PROVIDING OUT OF HOME ALTERNATIVES. IN FACT, OUR NONPROFIT
22 AGENCIES HAVE BEEN DIVERSIFYING THEIR PROGRAMS FOR A NUMBER OF
23 YEARS NOW TO BE ABLE TO OFFER A FULL CONTINUUM OF COMMUNITY-
24 BASED ALTERNATIVES. AT THE SAME TIME, H.C.S.A. HAS IDENTIFIED
25 SOME SERIOUS QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE ASSUMPTIONS UPON



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1 WHICH THE WAIVER HAS BEEN BUILT, RELATIVE TO COUNTY'S FUTURE
2 USE OF OUT OF HOME CARE AS SET FORTH IN THE PROPOSED WAIVER
3 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN BEING CONSIDERED BY YOUR BOARD TODAY. TO
4 PROVIDE A BIT OF CONTEXT, IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT
5 THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNTY'S INCREASED TITLE 4-E COSTS OVER
6 THE PAST 5 YEARS OR SO HAVE COME NOT FROM THE INCREASED USE OR
7 COST OF OUT OF HOME CARE, BUT RATHER FROM INCREASED COUNTY
8 EMPLOYEE COSTS. IN FACT, AS THIS BOARD IS AWARE, HUGE
9 REDUCTIONS IN THE USE OF OUT OF HOME CARE AND CONCOMITANT
10 SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS HAVE OCCURRED ALREADY OVER THE SAME
11 PERIOD OF TIME. ACCORDINGLY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WILL BE
12 POSSIBLE TO REALIZE THE ALMOST \$100 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL COST
13 SAVING REDUCTIONS AND OUT OF HOME CARE THAT ARE ASSUMED BY THE
14 WAIVER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO COVER THE ANTICIPATED
15 REINVESTMENT SAVINGS AND INCREASED OPERATING COSTS THAT ARE
16 BUILT INTO THE PLAN. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT D.C.F.S.
17 ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN PUT INTO A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION BY
18 A VARIETY OF FACTORS BEYOND THEIR CONTROL, INCLUDING PAST
19 OVERLY OPTIMISTIC PROJECTIONS MADE BY THE PRIOR
20 ADMINISTRATION. IN TRUTH, A.C.H.S.A. TREMENDOUSLY RESPECTS THE
21 TRANSPARENCY OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAS BEEN
22 EXTREMELY OPEN AND HONEST IN PROVIDING WAIVER INFORMATION. AND
23 YET, AS WELL INTENDED AS THE WAIVER IS, WE HAVE SERIOUS
24 QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW EVEN THE NOW DRAMATICALLY REDUCED
25 PROJECTED LEVEL OF SAVINGS WILL BE REALIZED OVER THE COURSE OF



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1 THE 5-YEAR PLAN AND THIS IN SPITE OF THE WISDOM OF THE CURRENT
2 ADMINISTRATION TO SPREAD OUT THE PROJECTED COST SAVINGS OVER
3 THE ENTIRE FIVE YEARS OF THE PLAN. MOST SPECIFICALLY,
4 A.C.H.S.A. IS CONCERNED THAT IT IS UNCLEAR AS TO HOW THE
5 ALMOST \$100 MILLION IN ASSUMED OUT OF HOME CARE SAVINGS ARE TO
6 OCCUR, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE'VE ALREADY MADE SUCH SIGNIFICANT
7 REDUCTIONS IN CARE OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND WHEN THE
8 DEPARTMENT ITSELF HAS ACKNOWLEDGED, AT A PRIOR BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS MEETING, THAT THE REMAINING-- THAT THE CHILDREN
10 REMAINING IN OUT OF HOME CARE ARE THE MOST SERIOUS AND
11 DIFFICULT TO TREAT AND WITH THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF CARE. IN
12 ADDITION, NOT ONLY IS THE PLAN FOR REACHING THIS HUGE LEVEL OF
13 COST REDUCTIONS UNCLEAR BUT TWO OTHER ELEMENTS CRITICAL FOR
14 ITS SUCCESS ARE ALSO UNCLEAR. ONE, HOW THE COUNTY WILL,
15 CONSISTENT WITH WAIVER GOAL NUMBER 4, ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE
16 COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES ARE IN PLACE FIRST BEFORE THE NUMBER OF
17 CHILDREN AND THEIR LENGTH OF STAY IN CONGREGATE CARE IS
18 REDUCED AND, TWO, WHERE THE LIKELY TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
19 REQUIRED FOR THESE UPFRONT INVESTMENTS WILL COME FROM AT A
20 TIME WHEN THE WAIVER IS PROJECTING ALMOST \$20 MILLION IN
21 REDUCED OUT OF HOME CARE COSTS EACH YEAR. IN CLOSING, ONE
22 THING IS CLEAR IS THAT THIS BOARD MUST MAKE THE FINAL DECISION
23 AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEPT AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
24 WAIVER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN. IT IS THE PURPOSE OF OUR TESTIMONY
25 TODAY TO ENSURE THAT, IN MAKING THIS DECISION, THE BOARD IS



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1 COGNIZANT OF SOME OF THE CRITICAL ASSUMPTIONS UPON WHICH THE
2 PLAN IS BASED, ASSUMPTIONS WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE HIGHLY
3 SPECULATIVE AND WHICH, AT A MINIMUM, WILL DEMAND INTENSE
4 SCRUTINY IN THE CLOSE TRACKING OF COST REDUCTIONS AND
5 REINVESTMENT EXPENDITURES IF THE PLAN GETS APPROVED. THANK YOU
6 FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, BRUCE. NOW WE HAVE THE
9 ITEM BEFORE US. KNABE MOVES, ANTONOVICH SECONDS. WITHOUT
10 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE, MR. CHAIRMAN.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT ALL YOU HAVE? THEN MR.
15 ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE ON. YOU WANT TO TAKE UP 20 AND 21?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, IF I CAN FIND THE SHEET. WHAT ITEMS ARE
18 LEFT?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 20 AND 21 ARE THE BROWN ACT, BOARD DEPUTY
21 DISCUSSIONS AND YOU HAVE 36 AND 42.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THEN ITEM 50.

24



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND 50, SECRETARY OF STATE, BUT 36 AND 42 WERE
2 HELD BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND 20 AND 21 ARE YOUR MOTIONS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 20.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO
7 WANT TO BE HEARD ON 20 AND 21. DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE THEM UP
8 NOW? DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL AND CHRIS EDWARDS AND THEY'RE HERE
9 ON BOTH 20 AND 21. GIVE THEM TWO MINUTES EACH FOR BOTH ITEMS,
10 CUMULATIVELY SO IT'S A MINUTE FOR EACH ITEM

11

12 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
13 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. I'M GLAD TO SEE, SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY, THAT YOU ARE NOT A MAN OF YOUR WORD. YOU KNOW,
15 LAST WEEK, YOU PREVENTED ME AND MY DAUGHTER TO EXPRESS OUR
16 OPINION ON, YOU KNOW, ON THAT ITEM. IT WAS A VIOLATION OF MY
17 FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. YOU ALLOWED KAREN OCAMB TO SPEAK AND
18 YOU TOLD US THAT THE PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T SPEAK LAST WEEK WOULD
19 BE-- THAT ITEM WILL COME FIRST. YOU KNOW, I GUESS THAT'S NOT
20 THE FIRST ITEM BUT THAT'S THE WAY YOU ARE. YOU ARE A VERY
21 UNFAIR PERSON WHEN IT COMES TO DEALING WITH PEOPLE. I MEAN,
22 EVEN, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT A FRIEND OF GLORIA ALLRED BUT YOU HAVE
23 ALLOWED KATHY OCHOA SOME TIME TO SPEAK FOR EVERY MEMBER OF
24 THEIR TEAM. YOU KNOW, BE FAIR, BE TOUGH WITH EVERYBODY OR NOT



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1 WITH EVERYBODY. AND IN MANAGEMENT, THAT THE THINGS COUNT. A
2 GOOD MANAGER...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO
5 THE ITEM, THOUGH, OR JUST WANT TO TALK ABOUT ME?

6

7 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, YOU KNOW, YOU'RE NOT THAT
8 IMPORTANT TO ME TO DO THAT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW. THAT'S WHY YOU TOOK A
11 MINUTE OF YOUR TIME TO TALK ABOUT IT.

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** THE POINT OF THE CLUSTER MEETING IS
14 ONE THING YOU HAVE DONE, ALL OF YOU, VERY WELL IN THE PAST.
15 YOU TRY TO HAVE MOST OF THE INFORMATION NOT COME TO THE
16 PUBLIC. AND, TODAY, THERE WAS A LESSON TO REALLY TEACH US
17 ABOUT CLOSED ITEMS. AND, GOING BACK TO THE KING/DREW PROBLEM,
18 IF THE ITEM OF CLOSING THE TRAUMA CENTER AND NOT BEING DONE
19 UNDER A CLOSED SESSION BUT HAD BEEN DONE ACCORDING TO THE
20 BROWN ACT, WE PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY
21 BECAUSE, UP TO THIS DATE, WE HAVE NEVER SEEN A COPY OF THE
22 TAPE OF THAT MEETING, AND I THINK THAT TIME YOU TOTALLY
23 VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE TIME THAT YOU
24 USE PEOPLE OPEN MEETING LAW. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CHRIS EDWARDS.

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3 **CHRIS EDWARDS:** YES, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR
4 PUTTING BOTH OF THOSE MOTIONS TOGETHER. IT'S GOOD TO SEE THAT
5 WE'RE TRYING TO REALLY ENSHRINE THE BROWN ACT IN A LOT OF THE
6 ACTIONS. MY CONCERNS ARE MAKING SURE THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS
7 WHEN THESE MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD, HOW ARE THEY GOING TO BE
8 ADVISED? I KNOW, IN THE PAST, THE HEALTH DEPUTY MEETINGS, FOR
9 EXAMPLE, YOU HAD TO KNOW WHO TO ASK TO BE ON THE LIST TO GET
10 THE NOTICE, EITHER EMAIL OR BY FAX. SO HOW ARE THESE MEETINGS
11 GOING TO BE ADVERTISED? WILL THEY BE ON THE WEBSITE? WILL THEY
12 BE ACCESSIBLE LIKE THE BOARD AGENDA IS BY GOING TO THE AGENDA
13 SITE AND CLICKING ON THE RIGHT BUTTON AND GETTING THE RIGHT
14 AGENDA, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH? THAT'S A CONCERN THAT I JUST WANT TO
15 MAKE SURE THEY'RE ADVERTISED TO PEOPLE CAN GET TO THEM AND NOT
16 JUST POSTED HERE OUTSIDE THIS DOOR. BE ON THE INTERNET. MY
17 OTHER CONCERN IS-- OH, NOW I FORGOT. IT'S BEEN SO LATE, I
18 FORGOT WHAT MY OTHER CONCERN WAS BUT IT HAD TO DO WITH THE
19 BROWN ACT. BUT NOW I REALLY DO ENCOURAGE YOU TO-- THAT'S IT.
20 MAKING SURE THAT, ESPECIALLY THE INDIVIDUALS COMING HOME FROM
21 THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE TO THE NEW C.E.O.'S OFFICE, THAT THEY
22 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE BROWN ACT IS AND WHAT IT MEANS, THAT THEY
23 CANNOT, FOR EXAMPLE, INSIST THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC DIVULGE
24 THEIR NAME NECESSARILY AND ET CETERA, ET CETERA, BECAUSE
25 THAT'S NOT A REQUIREMENT, THAT THEY NOT BE FORCED TO PRESENT



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1 IDENTIFICATION IN ORDER TO ACCESS MEETINGS. MAKE SURE THEY
2 HAVE THE UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE BROWN ACT IS SO THEY DON'T
3 BAR THE PUBLIC FROM SPEAKING INADVERTENTLY. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS
6 CLOSED. MR. ANTONOVICH?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. JANSSEN, IN YOUR JUNE 14TH MEMO, YOU HAD
9 LISTED CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW MEETINGS, CLUSTER POLICY PLANNING
10 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION, AND INFORMATION BRIEFINGS.

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT TYPES OF ISSUES WOULD BE DISCUSSED FOR
15 EACH OF THE ABOVE?

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE ARE FOUR MEETING TYPES IN MY RESPONSE TO
18 YOUR MOTION. THE FIRST, WE ARE ALREADY DOING. CLUSTER AGENDA
19 REVIEW MEETINGS. THE BOARD ADOPTED A POLICY IN 2002 THAT ANY
20 ITEM THAT'S ON THE AGENDA, 30 DAYS BEFORE HEARING OR
21 ANTICIPATED IMMEDIATELY TO BE ON IT IS A BROWN ACT MEETING AND
22 THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING SINCE 2002. THE CLUSTER POLICY
23 PLANNING DEVELOPMENT WAS THE ISSUE THAT THE BOARD REALLY WAS
24 STRUGGLING WITH ON JUNE THE 5TH, I THINK, TO UNDERSTAND WHAT
25 KIND OF MEETING IT WAS, WHAT IT MEANT. I SEE THESE POLICY



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1 PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS TO PRIMARILY BE RESPONSES TO
2 BOARD DIRECTIONS TO DEVELOP POLICY TO BRING BACK TO THE BOARD
3 FOR CONSIDERATION. AND, IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE POLICY
4 OPTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES, ANY TIME THAT A MAJORITY OF THE
5 BOARD DEPUTIES ARE INVOLVED, IT -- NOT LEGALLY, BUT IT COULD
6 BE A BROWN ACT MEETING. AND SO THE OTHER TWO, THE SECOND AND
7 THE THIRD IS SIMPLY INFORMATION. INFORMATION MEETINGS ARE NOT
8 BROWN ACT AND THE LAST IS SIMPLY ADMINISTRATION AND
9 ADMINISTRATION IS NOT BROWN ACT. SO IT'S THE SECOND ONE I
10 THINK THAT'S THE PRIMARY CLUSTER MEETING HERE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT TYPE OF POLICIES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO
13 YOUR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS DESCRIBED IN YOUR MEMO AND WHICH
14 ONES WOULD NOT BE? GIVE ME SOME EXAMPLES.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, THE DEVELOPMENT-- LET'S SAY THE
17 DEVELOPMENT OF THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
18 GANG INITIATIVE, THE POLICIES RELATED TO THOSE. THOSE ARE TWO
19 THAT IMMEDIATELY COME TO MIND. THOSE ARE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES
20 THAT CROSS ALL DISTRICTS, NOT DISTRICT-SPECIFIC, AND M.L.K.,
21 OPTIONS FOR M.L.K. AFFECT, EVEN THOUGH IT'S IN ONE DISTRICT,
22 AFFECT ALL DISTRICTS, ANY HIGH PRIORITY ISSUE...

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** LIKE THE D.O.J.

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ...WOULD FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY. D.O.J. WOULD
2 FALL INTO THAT CATEGORY, RIGHT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW EARLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS WOULD
5 THE BOARD OFFICES BE INCLUDED IN THE REVISED STRUCTURE?

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IF THE-- DO YOU MEAN HOW QUICKLY FROM TODAY OR
8 HOW QUICKLY IN THE PROCESS?

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW QUICKLY, WHEN THESE MEETINGS TAKE PLACE,
11 WOULD THEY BE INVOLVED?

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, AS I SAID, I THINK THEY WOULD BE-- THEY
14 WOULD BE ON THE FRONT END OF ANY DISCUSSIONS ON POLICY ISSUES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT COULD BE FIRST IN LINE IN FRONT OF A
17 CLOSED DOOR VERSUS BEING IN A MEETING WITH THE DOOR OPEN.

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, IF-- IF THE BOARD'S POLICY IS TO INCLUDE
20 THE SECOND TYPE OF MEETING HERE IN THE CURRENT BOARD POLICY ON
21 BROWN ACT, THEY WOULD BE OPEN MEETINGS, AS LONG AS YOU HAD A
22 MAJORITY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS THERE-- I MEAN, THE BOARD
23 DEPUTIES, EXCUSE ME.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN YOUR C.E.O. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS,
2 YOU HAVE LEGAL CONCERNS, WHICH WOULD MEAN COUNTY COUNSEL.

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO I WOULD ASSUME, THEN, BOARD DEPUTIES WOULD
7 BE INVOLVED IN THOSE MEETINGS BECAUSE OF COUNTY COUNSEL?

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE RIGHT SIDE OF THAT CHART-- AND THE FORMER
10 CHART ACTUALLY HAD A GRAPH THAT IMPLIED A MEETING. THOSE ARE
11 NOT ACTUALLY MEETINGS. THAT IS INTENDED TO BE SIMPLY A PROCESS
12 OF CLEARANCE AND SIGN-OFF FOR PRIMARILY BOARD LETTERS COMING
13 TO THE BOARD. EVERYTHING HAS TO GO THROUGH COUNTY COUNSEL. WE
14 WILL RUN IT THROUGH, AS APPROPRIATE, LEGISLATIVE CONCERNS,
15 BUDGET, ET CETERA, SO IT'S A PROCESS, NOT A MEETING.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, BECAUSE COUNTY COUNSEL IS UNDER THE
18 DIRECTION OF THE BOARD, YOU'D WANTED TO HAVE BOARD DEPUTIES
19 INVOLVED IN THAT PROCESS.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T-- I WOULD IMAGINE...

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE COUNTY COUNSEL WANTS TO BE...

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...CARRYING OUT BOARD POLICY, NOT DEPARTMENT
3 POLICY.

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, THESE ARE JUST-- THESE ARE ISSUES COMING
6 TO THE BOARD, SO, AT SOME POINT, WE WILL INCLUDE THE BOARD
7 DEPUTIES IN THIS PROCESS. THE ADMINISTRATIVE...

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW. FOR TOO LONG, THE COUNTY COUNSEL,
10 MANY TIMES, HAVE OPERATED IN VIOLATION OF BOARD POLICY AND
11 THAT DEPARTMENTS FAIL TO REALIZE THAT COUNTY COUNSEL STILL IS,
12 YOU KNOW-- THE BOARDS IS IN CHARGE AND THEY'RE NOT TO WORK
13 INDEPENDENTLY OF THE BOARD THROUGH THEIR DEPARTMENT, WHICH,
14 MANY TIMES, THEY GIVE THEIR DEPARTMENT, WHICH THE BOARD FEELS
15 IS MISLEADING OR CONTRARY INFORMATION THAN BOARD POLICY.

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AN ITEM COMES TO MIND. [LAUGHS]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MEAN, THERE HAVE BEEN ISSUES IN EXECUTIVE
20 SESSION WHERE THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAS BEEN ON A DIFFERENT PAGE
21 THAN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE BOARD HAS ASKED, YOU
22 KNOW, THE COUNTY COUNSEL IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE BOARD AND NOT
23 FIGHTING THE BOARD VIA THE DEPARTMENT.

24



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. I'M JUST-- I ABSOLUTELY AGREE. I HAVE
2 NO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AT ALL. I'M JUST THINKING HOW IT
3 WOULD FIT INTO THIS PROCESS BUT I AGREE WITH WHAT YOU'RE
4 SAYING.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW. THAT'S WHY, ON THE C.E.O.
7 ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW PROCESS, THAT SHOULD ALSO INVOLVE THE
8 BOARD DEPUTIES.

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT WILL INVOLVE BOARD DEPUTIES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN IT INVOLVES LEGAL CONCERNS BECAUSE LEGAL
13 CONCERNS ARE INJECTING THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE.

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S FINE. THERE'S NO PROBLEM WITH THAT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THAT'S UNDERSTOOD.

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES. WHEN IT INVOLVES LEGAL ISSUES, THE BOARD
20 OFFICES WILL BE INVOLVED.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW EARLY IN THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
23 WOULD BOARD OFFICES BE INCLUDED IN THE REVISED STRUCTURE?

24

25 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AT THE BEGINNING.



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2 SUP. ANTONOVICH: AT THE BEGINNING?

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4 C.A.O. JANSSEN: YES.

5

6 SUP. ANTONOVICH: AT WHAT POINT WOULD THE PUBLIC RECEIVE
7 DOCUMENTATION THAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE CLUSTER MEETINGS?

8

9 C.A.O. JANSSEN: AFTER THE BOARDS RECEIVES THEM.

10

11 SUP. KNABE: AH HAH. GOOD ANSWER.

12

13 C.A.O. JANSSEN: AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IS THE ANSWER.

14

15 SUP. KNABE: SORT OF LIKE THAT REPORT WE GOT A HALF HOUR BEFORE
16 THE MEETING TODAY?

17

18 C.A.O. JANSSEN: EXACTLY RIGHT. [LIGHT LAUGHTER]

19

20 SUP. ANTONOVICH: SO THE PUBLIC-- MANY TIMES, THE BOARD READS
21 ABOUT THE INFORMATION IN THE PAPER BEFORE WE RECEIVE IT.

22

23 C.A.O. JANSSEN: RIGHT. NO, THAT WAS MY POINT. [LAUGHS] BUT
24 THESE ARE-- I SEE MOST OF THESE MEETINGS AS VERY PRELIMINARY
25 DISCUSSIONS OF ISSUES RATHER THAN HAVING A DOCUMENT IN EACH



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1 MEETING BUT WE WILL LEARN AS WE GO ON THESE ISSUES. THE
2 QUESTION BEFORE YOU TODAY, I THINK, IS WHETHER DO MAKE THEM
3 BROWN ACT PUBLIC APPLICABLE. AND, ONCE YOU'VE MADE THAT
4 DECISION, THEN WE NEED TO DEVELOP A POLICY AND COME BACK ON
5 HOW IT'S GOING TO OPERATE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THE CLUSTER MEETINGS BE POSTED ON THE
8 WEBSITES WITH BACKUP DOCUMENTATION?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE WILL USE WHATEVER EXISTING PROCESS WE'VE
11 USED FOR FIVE YEARS AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE BOARD OFFICES
12 USED FOR THOSE MEETINGS BECAUSE I DON'T ATTEND THEM.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE'S NO CHANGE?

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. WE'RE OPENING, ACTUALLY, SUPERVISOR. IF
17 YOU MOVE IN THIS DIRECTION, YOU ARE SIGNIFICANTLY OPENING THE
18 CURRENT PROCESSES OF THE COUNTY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WILL THE ITEMS MAKE IT ONTO THE AGENDA,
21 THE CLUSTER MEETINGS THAT THE D.C.E.O. WOULD CONVENE?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK THE ANSWER TO THAT IS THAT THAT HAS TO
24 BE DEVELOPED AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY. I
25 DON'T KNOW.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT STILL, HOW DO WE INCLUDE THE-- PUBLIC'S
3 INVOLVEMENT?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T SEE IT BEING ANY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT
6 THE CURRENT PROCESS IS FOR AGENDA MEETINGS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEN BOARD DEPUTIES WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND
9 JUST DEPUTY C.E.O. CLUSTER MEETINGS LISTED IN YOUR MEMO?

10

11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY?

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NOT THE FOURTH MEETING. THE FOURTH MEETING IS
16 PURELY ADMINISTRATIVE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILL THOSE BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC BROWN ACT?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IS THIS A STEP AWAY FROM THE BROWN ACT?

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. THE BROWN ACT, IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S
25 MANUAL ON BROWN ACT, WHICH IS THE BIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF



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1 THE BROWN ACT, IT SPECIFICALLY SAYS THAT THE ACT DOES NOT
2 APPLY-- THE BROWN ACT APPLIES TO LEGISLATIVE BODIES. A
3 LEGISLATIVE BODY IS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, CITY COUNCIL OR
4 ANY ENTITY THAT YOU CREATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION. THE
5 ACT DOES NOT APPLY TO INDIVIDUAL DECISION MAKERS WHO ARE NOT
6 ELECTED OR APPOINTED MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE BODIES SUCH AS
7 AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT HEADS WHEN THEY MEET WITH ADVISORS,
8 STAFF, COLLEAGUES OR ANYONE ELSE. A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL ACTING
9 ON BEHALF OF AN AGENCY IS NOT A LEGISLATIVE BODY SINCE THE
10 DEFINITION OF THAT TERM CONNOTES A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS. SO
11 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RECOGNIZES, AS DOES THE BROWN ACT, THAT
12 IT APPLIES TO LEGISLATIVE BODIES, NOT TO ADMINISTRATIVE
13 BODIES. THAT'S THE ONLY REASON.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, UNDER THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM, THAT WOULD
16 NOT BE THE CASE.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WHAT SYSTEM IS OPEN, ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM IS
19 OPEN?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE THE BOARD HAS BOARD LEGISLATIVE
22 ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY.

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT SYSTEM, CURRENTLY, IS
25 OPEN. CERTAINLY-- THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS AREN'T OPEN.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'VE HAD-- THE BOARD HAS BEEN UNDER BROWN
3 ACT OPEN GOVERNMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS. THIS PROPOSAL
4 REMOVES THE BOARD AND EMPOWERS YOUR DEPARTMENT, WHICH WOULD
5 HAVE LESS OPENNESS TO THE PUBLIC IN THE MAKING OF DECISIONS.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I ACTUALLY THINK JUST THE OPPOSITE,
8 SUPERVISOR.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE MORE OPENNESS,
11 SO THE BROWN ACT WILL APPLY MORE TO YOUR OPERATION?

12

13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, IT'LL APPLY TO WHAT IT'S INTENDED TO APPLY
14 TO AND THAT'S THE LEGISLATIVE FUNCTION OF THE COUNTY, WHICH IS
15 THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION, THE PASSAGE OF POLICIES,
16 ORDINANCES AND LAWS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHENEVER THE BOARD-- THREE OR MORE OF THE
19 BOARD ARE TOGETHER, THEY'RE GOVERNED BY THE BROWN ACT,
20 REGARDLESS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS THAT WE CARRY OUT.
21 THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE
22 PROPOSED...

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE WE'RE ELECTED.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...REFORM IS REMOVING THE BROWN ACT
2 PROTECTIONS WHICH PREVIOUSLY OCCURRED UNDER THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS. I MEAN, WHAT WE'RE CREATING IS KIND OF -- IS A
4 CLOSED SHOP WHERE...

5

6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY NOT CREATING A CLOSED
7 SHOP. YOU'RE OPENING THE COUNTY MORE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF
8 POLICY THAN IT CURRENTLY EXISTS, ASSUMING YOU PASS THIS ITEM.
9 CURRENTLY, THE DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS ARE NOT OPEN TO THE
10 PUBLIC. THAT'S NOT CHANGING. ALL WE'RE DOING IS ADDING AN
11 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION TO WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW AND NONE OF
12 THE DEPARTMENT HEAD STAFF MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. YOU
13 CAN'T GO TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, TO THEIR
14 EXECUTIVE MEETING NOW AND GO AND JOIN AS A MEMBER OF THE
15 PUBLIC.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE DIFFERENCE IS THAT DEPARTMENT OF
18 HEALTH WAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEY
19 ARE NO LONGER GOING TO BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT-
20 - BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAUSE THE C.E.O. IS GOING TO
21 BE THE ENTITY THAT THEY REPORT TO, AND NOT THE BOARD, AND THAT
22 LEAVES A LOT OF CLOSED DOOR MEETINGS AND DECISIONS THAT WILL
23 BE MADE WHICH, UNDER THE CURRENT SYSTEM, WOULD NOT BE MADE
24 BECAUSE IT HAS TO COME BEFORE A FULL BODY THAT'S GOVERNED BY
25 THE BROWN ACT.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I HONESTLY DON'T THINK THAT ANY OF THOSE KINDS
3 OF ISSUES THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ARE GOING TO BE HANDLED
4 ANY DIFFERENTLY THAN THEY ARE NOW. THEY WILL INVOLVE BOARD
5 OFFICES, THEY'LL INVOLVE BOARD MEMBERS, THEY'LL INVOLVE BOARD
6 DEPUTIES BUT THE THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING NOW IN THE
7 ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE NOT
8 CURRENTLY COVERED BY THE BROWN ACT AND THERE IS NO CHANGE.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SPECIFIC CHANGES IN THIS
11 NEW PROCESS THAT WOULD ENABLE THE C.E.O. TO DO A BETTER JOB?

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13 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU'RE TALKING IN THE BASIC ORGANIZATION
14 ITSELF?

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MM HM AND THE OPENNESS.

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18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I ALREADY THINK I SAID, IN TERMS OF THE
19 DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY...

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU THINK THIS WILL BE A MORE OPEN PROCESS?

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23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY THAT COMES BEFORE
24 THE BOARD THAT THE BOARD ACTS ON, THAT THIS WOULD MAKE THAT
25 MORE OF AN OPEN PROCESS THAN IT IS NOW. IN TERMS OF THE



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1 GENERAL STRUCTURE ITSELF, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT WE WILL
2 HAVE A MORE ACCOUNTABLE, EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION FOR YOUR
3 BENEFIT, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE, BY HAVING THE LINES OF
4 AUTHORITY MORE CLEAR. THERE IS NO INTENT TO TRY TO DRIVE ANY
5 DECISIONS, THAT SHOULD BE MADE IN PUBLIC, PRIVATE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, TWO WEEKS AGO, WE HAD A SITUATION WHERE
8 A DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT SHARE WITH THE BOARD DEPUTIES A PLAN OF
9 CORRECTION ON A CRITICAL PUBLIC POLICY MATTER UNTIL AFTER THEY
10 HAD A CHANCE TO FULLY REVIEW THE MATTER WITH THE C.A.O.'S
11 OFFICE. SO IT SEEMS LIKE THE ADDED LAYER OF BUREAUCRACY HAS
12 DISTANCED BOARD OFFICES FROM VITAL INFORMATION AND HOW WOULD
13 THIS-- YOUR REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE CLUSTERS BE CONFIGURED TO
14 FIX THAT PROBLEM THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAD TWO WEEKS
15 AGO?

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I THINK WHAT MAY HAPPEN, WITH THAT IN MIND, IS
18 YOU MAY WELL BE RELIEVED OF A LOT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN
19 THAT YOU HAVE NOW TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHO'S TELLING YOU WHAT
20 ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE ORGANIZATION AND THAT WILL BE
21 MANAGED ADMINISTRATIVELY BY OUR OFFICE AND THAT THAT
22 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN, YOU SHOULD EVENTUALLY FEEL MORE
23 COMFORTABLE THAT IT HAS BEEN FULLY AND PROPERLY VETTED BY THE
24 ORGANIZATION.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHEN YOU SAY THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD BE
2 REMOVED FROM A LOT OF THIS ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION, IT IS
3 THAT ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION THAT ALLOWS THE BOARD TO MAKE
4 PUBLIC POLICY AND BE INFORMED DIRECTLY AS TO THE SOURCE OF THE
5 INFORMATION INSTEAD OF HAVING IT COME TO US THROUGH A CLOSED
6 OPERATION THAT HAS BEEN SANITIZED BEFORE WE CAN MAKE OUR
7 DECISIONS. SO, TO ME, IT'S A STEP AWAY FROM OPENNESS.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I MEAN, THE BOARD-- SUPERVISOR, FIRST OF ALL,
10 I DIDN'T SAY THAT YOU WOULD BE DENIED INFORMATION. I SAID IT
11 WOULD BE VETTED SO THAT YOU FELT MORE COMFORTABLE THAT THE
12 INFORMATION YOU RECEIVED WAS ACCURATE. THAT'S ALL. IT'S NOT TO
13 PREVENT THE BOARD FROM GETTING INFORMATION. AND, SECONDARILY,
14 A LOT OF THE CHALLENGES OF THIS ORGANIZATION ARE CROSS-
15 DEPARTMENTAL. THEY'RE NOT WITHIN AN INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT AND
16 IT REALLY IS IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO BETTER INTEGRATE THE
17 ADMINISTRATION IMPLEMENTATION OF BOARD POLICIES TO HAVE ALL OF
18 THOSE REPORTING TO THE SAME OFFICE. I JUST DO NOT SEE THIS AS
19 DRIVING DECISION MAKING OUT OF THE PUBLIC AT ALL. I THINK
20 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE BETTER DECISION MAKING IN THE COUNTY BY
21 THE BOARD AS A RESULT OF THIS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN YOU CENTRALIZE POWER AND YOU REMOVE THE
24 PROTECTIONS THAT THE BROWN ACT PROVIDES FROM THAT CENTRALIZED
25 CENTER OF POWER, IN THE LONG RUN, IT'S GOING TO DISENFRANCHISE



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1 THE PUBLIC AND IT'S GOING TO DISENFRANCHISE THE BOARD MEMBERS
2 FROM HAVING ALL OF THE INFORMATION AND DECISION MAKERS AT
3 THEIR FINGERTIPS AND THEIR STAFFS' FINGERTIPS TO HELP THEM
4 RESOLVE ISSUES. AND, AGAIN, IT'S GOING TO WORK AGAINST
5 OPENNESS AND OPERATE IN A ONE MAN, ONE LADY OPERATION.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** LET ME ANSWER THAT THIS WAY BECAUSE I
8 UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AND I'M NOT DISAGREEING THAT
9 THAT IS NOT A VALID CONCERN AND IT CERTAINLY WOULD BE-- MAYBE
10 NOT, IF THIS WAS AN ELECTED POSITION, BUT YOUR BOARD CAN ONLY
11 EXERCISE ITS LEGAL AUTHORITY IN PUBLIC ON TUESDAYS. THAT MEANS
12 ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS, SOMEHOW THE
13 ORGANIZATION IS RUNNING WITHOUT YOU. OR IT'S RUNNING WITH
14 INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS' INVOLVEMENT AND THAT'S NOT LEGAL.
15 YOU HAVE NO AUTHORITY AS AN INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBER. SO, BY
16 MAKING THE PROCESS MORE INSTITUTIONALIZED IN THE
17 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS, I THINK YOU'RE CREATING A BETTER
18 SYSTEM, NOT A WORSE. AND SOME PEOPLE WOULD ARGUE THAT AN
19 ELECTED OFFICIAL, HAVING BOTH LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE
20 AUTHORITY, WHICH DOESN'T EXIST ANYWHERE ELSE IN THIS COUNTRY
21 OTHER THAN IN COUNTIES, IS, IN FACT, GIVING TOO MUCH AUTHORITY
22 TO AN INDIVIDUAL. THAT'S THE FLIP SIDE OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
23 BUT I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IN TERMS OF CENTRALIZING
24 THE EXECUTIVE POWER. I DO.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EXCEPT, DURING THAT WEEK, YOU HAVE OPENNESS
2 IN THAT YOU HAVE BOARD DEPUTIES IN AN OPEN CONFIGURATION
3 INVOLVED IN THOSE VARIOUS POLICIES BUT THE C.A.O., UNDER THE
4 PREVIOUS ORDINANCE, HAD THE AUTHORITY TO WORK AND COORDINATE
5 THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO CARRY OUT THAT OVERSIGHT AND THAT
6 REVIEW. SO THE BOARD WAS NOT JUST OPERATING ON A TUESDAY OR A
7 THURSDAY BUT WE WERE OPERATING SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WE'RE ON
8 A NOTICE CALL, IF WE HAD TO, WHICH WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST
9 SOMETIMES ON A TELEPHONE CALL WHEN CERTAIN ISSUES HAVE ARISEN.
10 SO IT'S NOT AS IF EVERYBODY WAS ASLEEP EXCEPT ON TUESDAY.
11 THERE WAS AN OPENNESS, THE PRESS WAS RECEIVING INFORMATION AND
12 WE WERE MOVING FORWARD. NOW YOU'RE CONCENTRATING THAT POWER
13 AND YOU'RE CLOSING OFF A LOT OF INFORMATION AND KEY DECISION
14 MAKERS, WHICH I CALL DEPARTMENT HEADS, FROM HAVING THAT FREE
15 FLOW OF INFORMATION WITH THE BOARD DEPUTIES AND THE BOARD
16 OFFICES AND TO AN UNELECTED, NONELECTED PERSON HAVING THAT
17 POWER AND THAT CONTROL. AND I'D RATHER HAVE A PERSON WHO IS
18 SUBJECT TO THE VOTERS EVERY FOUR YEARS WITH THAT POWER THAN A
19 PERSON WHO IS NOT ELECTED WHO CAN USE THAT POWER, NOT SAYING
20 THAT YOU WOULD BUT, YOU KNOW, POWER CORRUPTS, ABSOLUTE POWER
21 CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY, AS LORD ACTON SAID A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.
22 THAT'S THE POWER. AND WHEN YOU HAVE POWER, YOU WANT TO
23 DECENTRALIZE IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE, IN THE LONG RUN,
24 THAT'S THE BEST WAY IT IS FOR THE PUBLIC AND THAT'S HOW THIS
25 COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED ON IT.



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2 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT THE COUNTRY WAS ALSO FOUNDED ON SEPARATION
3 OF POWER, SUPERVISOR.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABSOLUTELY, SEPARATION OF POWERS BUT THE
6 PEOPLE, THROUGH THEIR ELECTIVE PROCESS, ARE ABLE TO SELECT
7 THOSE PEOPLE AND THEY DO THAT EVERY TWO, THREE, FOUR YEARS.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THEN I WOULD THINK THAT YOU SHOULD SERIOUSLY
10 CONSIDER CREATING A MAYOR ELECTED EXECUTIVE. THAT, I BELIEVE,
11 WOULD RESOLVE THE CONCERN THAT YOU HAVE ABOUT THE POSITION
12 VERY WELL BY HAVING THAT PERSON THEN RESPONSIBLE TO THE...

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE BOARD RULES, WHICH WAS ADOPTED IN THE
15 '90S, INDICATES THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD IS THE MAYOR.
16 BUT THE POINT IS, THIS BOARD IS THE MAYOR FOR THE 1.2, 1.5
17 MILLION PEOPLE WHO RESIDE IN THIS COUNTY AND OF WHICH HALF OF
18 THE CITIES CONTRACT WITH US FOR THEIR MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS AND
19 THEIR SERVICES. SO WE ARE, UNLIKE THE EAST COAST, WE ARE THE--
20 BASICALLY, THE MAJOR CITY THAT OPERATES THIS JURISDICTION AND
21 OUR CITIES ARE MORE LIKE THE BOROUGHES ON THE EAST COAST
22 BECAUSE IT'S THE COUNTY WHO DOES THE PROSECUTION OF FELONIES,
23 IT'S THE COUNTY THAT DOES THE DELIVERY OF THE HEALTHCARE
24 DELIVERY SYSTEM, IT'S THE COUNTY THAT DOES THE COLLECTION OF
25 TAXES, IT'S THE COUNTY THAT GETS YOU WHEN YOU'RE BORN AND WE



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1 GET YOU-- WE HAVE TO FIND OUT WHY YOU DIED FROM THE CORONER'S
2 OFFICE AND IT'S THE COUNTY WHO REGISTERS THOSE VITAL
3 STATISTICS. SO, I MEAN, WE ARE THAT METROPOLITAN AGENCY. IT
4 DOESN'T MATTER WHAT NAME YOU CALL THEM, THOSE ARE THE
5 FUNCTIONS THAT WE HAVE. WE ARE GOVERNED BY THE BROWN ACT,
6 WHICH IS ONE OF OPENNESS.

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** EVERY TUESDAY, YOU'RE GOVERNED BY THE BROWN
9 ACT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. IS THERE ANY OTHER
12 DISCUSSION? IF NOT, WE HAVE ITEMS 20 AND 21 BEFORE US.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D MOVE BOTH OF THEM OR MOVE ONE OF THEM AT
15 A TIME.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVE WHAT? MOVE APPROVAL?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH. 20. IS THAT THE-- REQUIRE ALL CLUSTER
20 MEETINGS CONDUCTED BY THE NEWLY DIRECTED DEPUTY C.E.O.S,
21 INCLUDING BOARD DEPUTIES, THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION ON ITEM 20.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. CALL THE ROLL. IS THERE
24 A SECOND?

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 20, SUPERVISOR...

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE A SECOND?

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IS THERE A SECOND?

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DIDN'T SEE THAT THE C.A.O.'S OBJECTING TO THIS,
8 FOR THE MOST PART, AM I INCORRECT?

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, THAT'S WHAT SHE WAS JUST TRYING TO
11 CLARIFY. THE ORIGINAL MOTION WAS-- ONE WAS TO MAKE ALL CLUSTER
12 MEETINGS BROWN ACT AND I THINK EVEN THE BROWN ACT RECOGNIZES
13 THAT IT DOESN'T APPLY TO ADMINISTRATIVE MEETINGS AND,
14 SECONDLY, WAS TO ADD BOARD DEPUTIES TO EVERY CLUSTER MEETING.
15 MY MEMO WAS AN ATTEMPT TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE TYPES OF
16 MEETINGS, NOT-- WHICH WOULD BE A CLARIFICATION, I DON'T KNOW
17 IF THAT'S THE RIGHT WORD, OF THE MOTIONS BUT THE BOARD -- THE
18 POLICY...

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SEE, ITEM NUMBER 20 IS THE ONE WITH THE--
21 INCLUDING BOARD DEPUTIES AT THE CLUSTER MEETING.

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. AND BOARD DEPUTIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE
24 BODIES JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO ME. THEN YOU'RE BACK TO



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1 NOT BEING ABLE TO HOLD ANYONE ACCOUNTABLE. THE OTHER ONE IS
2 WHICH MEETINGS DO YOU APPLY THE BROWN ACT TO?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO, UNDER SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
5 MOTION, ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THAT THEY WOULD -- THAT BROWN ACT
6 WOULD BE APPLIED TO ALL OF THESE MEETINGS?

7

8 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT IS HIS MOTION, I BELIEVE, YES.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I THINK THAT THAT CREATES A PROBLEM, ONLY
11 BECAUSE IT-- I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DIFFERENTIATE AS TO-- POLICY
12 CAN BE DISCUSSED IN ANY KIND OF SETTING BUT WHETHER YOU'RE
13 REALLY DISCUSSING IT FOR DECISION MAKING MIGHT BE A DIFFERENT
14 SETTING. AND SO I'M WORRIED THAT TWO PEOPLE GETTING TOGETHER
15 OR THREE PEOPLE GETTING TOGETHER FROM THE DEPARTMENT, EVEN
16 THOUGH, YOU KNOW, IT'S TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THEIR CLUSTER
17 LEADER, TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL POLICY, TO DISCUSS AND BRING TO
18 THE BOARD THAT EVEN JUST THAT DISCUSSION WOULD BE BROWN ACT
19 AND WOULD-- JUST WOULD STIFLE THE ABILITY OF PEOPLE TO GET
20 TOGETHER TO MEET AND DISCUSS, WHICH I THINK IS PART OF POLICY
21 MAKING. IT ISN'T TO TAKE AWAY FROM PUBLIC DISCOURSE BECAUSE
22 THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE THAT OPPORTUNITY WHEN YOU ACTUALLY
23 SCHEDULE THAT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ACHIEVEMENT WOULD BE OF
24 BEING SO DETERMINED TO PUT EVERYTHING UNDER THE BROWN ACT. IT
25 JUST SEEMS AS THOUGH YOU'RE STIFLING THE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY



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1 BRING ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ORDINANCE, AND I DON'T
2 KNOW IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY OR...

3

4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DO FEEL THAT WAY, YES.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND, IF IT RELATES
7 TO POLICY OR AGENDA, THE DEPUTY SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW BUT LET'S JUST SAY YOU AND I-- I KNOW BUT
10 LET'S SAY YOU AND I GET TOGETHER AND WE WANT TO DISCUSS A
11 MOTION ABOUT SOME POLICY IN D.P.S.S., SO WE ASK THE CLUSTER
12 PERSON TO COME AND THEY BRING THREE OTHER PEOPLE AND
13 EVERYTHING ELSE. IT JUST SEEMS LIKE THAT WOULD AUTOMATICALLY
14 BE BROWN ACTED.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, NOT IF IT JUST INVOLVES TWO BOARD OFFICES
17 IT WOULDN'T.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT, BUT IF WE INVITE THE OTHER BOARD
20 OFFICE DEPUTIES, IT MIGHT BE DON AND I, BUT WE INVITE THE
21 OTHER BOARD DEPUTIES BECAUSE WE'RE LOOKING AT MOVING THIS
22 FORWARD, NOT YET THAT WE WANT TO DO IT BUT THAT WOULD BE
23 AUTOMATICALLY BROWN ACTED, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE JUST DISCUSSING
24 IT, WE'RE NOT VOTING ON IT...

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, THAT MIGHT IMPEDE THE PROGRESS.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, RIGHT.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I COULD SEE THAT, ONCE YOU AND I DETERMINE,
8 HEY, THAT'S A GOOD POLICY, LET'S PUT THAT INTO ACTION, THEN WE
9 WOULD HAVE A BROWN ACT MEETING IN WHICH THE CLUSTER PERSON
10 COULD BRING IN ALL THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE AND DISCUSS THE
11 POLICY, HAVE THE GIVE AND TAKE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE A CLUSTER
14 MEETING AT THAT POINT BECAUSE YOU HAD SOLVED IT ALL IN THE
15 PRELIMINARY MEETING...

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** DAVID, WHY DON'T YOU DEFINE WHAT A CLUSTER MEETING
18 IS?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, COULD I SUGGEST MAYBE A WAY TO DO THIS
21 IS THE BOARD OFFICES, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WILL CERTAINLY
22 MONITOR EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF
23 THE YEAR, LET'S SAY. WHY DON'T WE REVISIT THIS AND THE E & E
24 COMMISSION, I THINK, IS STILL CHARGED WITH LOOKING AT THIS,
25 AND TRACK WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENS OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS IN



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1 TERMS OF THE OPERATION AND THEN YOU CAN CONSIDER, AT THAT
2 TIME, WHICH PARTICULAR MEETINGS SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE BROWN
3 ACT, WHICH ONES SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT INVOLVE BOARD DEPUTIES.
4 WE ARE PROPOSING A PROCESS THAT WOULD HAVE A REGULAR MEETING
5 BETWEEN THE C.E.O. AND THE BOARD CHIEFS OF STAFF TO TRACK AND
6 MONITOR EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN THE ORGANIZATION,
7 CORRECTING ANYTHING THAT ISN'T WORKING AND BRINGING TO YOU ANY
8 FIXES THAT NEED TO BE FIXED. SO THERE'S GOING TO BE ACTIVE
9 INVOLVEMENT ALL THE WAY THROUGH BY THE BOARD OFFICES AND THE
10 BOARD DEPUTIES.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'RE SAYING THAT FOR ITEM NUMBER 21
13 BUT, ON ITEM NUMBER 20, IT'S HAVING BOARD DEPUTIES AT THE
14 CLUSTER MEETINGS THAT THE DEPUTY C.E.O.S...

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK WE NEED A DEFINITION OF CLUSTER MEETINGS.
17 I MEAN, JUST TO BROWN ACT EVERYTHING, I THINK...

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** A CLUSTER MEETING IS SIMPLY AN ADMINISTRATIVE
20 MEETING CALLED BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER WITH
21 THEIR DEPARTMENTS THAT THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR. THAT'S ALL IT
22 IS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S ON THIS MEMO HERE.

25



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1 C.A.O. JANSSEN: RIGHT. AND THE-- EXCEPT THAT'S FOR POLICY.

2

3 SUP. KNABE: WELL, THAT WOULD BE LIKE A DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING
4 THEN?

5

6 C.A.O. JANSSEN: RIGHT.

7

8 SUP. KNABE: AND WE DON'T GO TO DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETINGS TODAY.

9

10 C.A.O. JANSSEN: NO.

11

12 SUP. KNABE: SO, UNLESS YOU CAN REDEFINE THE CLUSTER
13 MEETINGS...

14

15 SUP. ANTONOVICH: THE REASON WE DON'T GO TO DEPARTMENT MEETINGS
16 TODAY, THE DEPARTMENTS ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS. UNDER THIS NEW-- NO, NO. WE SELECT...

18

19 C.A.O. JANSSEN: THAT'S NOT WHY YOU DON'T GO.

20

21 SUP. ANTONOVICH: WE APPOINT THE DEPARTMENTS. UNDER THIS
22 PROVISION, THE C.E.O. IS NOW GOING TO BE MAKING THOSE
23 DECISIONS, SO THEY'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE TO THE BOARD, THEY'RE
24 RESPONSIBLE TO THE C.E.O.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE TO DISAGREE. I DO NOT SEE THAT CHANGE. I
2 THINK YOU'RE READING SOME INTO THIS THAT WILL NOT EXIST. I
3 THINK YOU NEED A DEFINITION OF CLUSTER MEETINGS. I THINK IT
4 WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA, THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE
5 RIGHT NOW IS TO TRACK THIS AND SEE WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T
6 WORK AND, IF WE'VE GOT AN ISSUE WITH IT, WE CAN CHANGE IT. BUT
7 JUST TO IMPLEMENT AND OVERRIDE...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I'M GOING TO EXERCISE...

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...YOU SEE THAT INFORMATION COMING TO THE
12 BOARD NOW BEING BYPASSED. WE DON'T GET IT 'TIL AFTERWARDS
13 BECAUSE...

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE THAT PROBLEM RIGHT NOW.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT HAPPENED TWO WEEKS AGO.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** DID YOU SECOND THE MOTION?

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE THAT PROBLEM RIGHT NOW.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** GLORIA, DID YOU SECOND THE MOTION?

24



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1 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: NO, SHE DIDN'T. SHE JUST HAD A
2 QUESTION.

3

4 SUP. BURKE: SHE DIDN'T SECOND THE MOTION?

5

6 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: IS THERE A SECOND TO THE MOTION ON
7 ITEM NUMBER 20? HEARING...

8

9 SUP. ANTONOVICH: 20 DEALS WITH CLUSTERS.

10

11 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: HEARING NO SECOND, IT FAILS FOR
12 LACK OF A SECOND. NOW WE HAVE NUMBER 21. ACTUALLY, IS THERE A
13 MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM 20?

14

15 SUP. KNABE: I WOULD MAKE A MOTION TO RECEIVE AND FILE 20 AND
16 21 AND IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATION TO TRACK THESE MEETINGS IN
17 THE NEXT SIX MONTHS AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO AND WHAT WORKS AND
18 WHAT DOESN'T WORK.

19

20 SUP. BURKE: I'LL SECOND THAT.

21

22 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN: SECONDED BY MS. BURKE. CALL THE
23 ROLL.

24

25 CLERK SACHI HAMAI: THIS IS ON...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TO RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM 20 AND 21
3 AND IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE C.A.O.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND TRACK, OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, THE
6 MEETINGS THAT OCCUR AND, AT THE END OF THE SIX MONTHS, REVISIT
7 THE MOTION?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. BRING IT TO OUR DECEMBER
10 27TH MEETING.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE. THAT'S TO RECEIVE AND FILE, YES.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AYE. OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS ASKED THAT
6 ITEMS 36 AND 42 BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONLY TO GIVE YOU SOME ROOM, DAVID...

9

10 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, I WAS READY! I WAS READY!

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU WERE NOT READY!

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOD BLESS SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WE
15 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. THERE ARE NO OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA,
16 CORRECT?

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 50.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** OH, 50, SECRETARY OF STATE. DID YOU HEAR FROM
21 THE SECRETARY OF STATE?

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM THE
24 SECRETARY OF STATE.

25



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTINUE IT ONE WEEK?

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONTINUE -- ITEM 50 IS CONTINUED ONE WEEK
6 TO JULY 3RD.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 50 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE
9 WEEK. WHO HAS-- THAT WAS MR. ANTONOVICH. I HAVE A COUPLE
10 THINGS I WANT TO READ IN FOR NEXT WEEK. ACTUALLY, ONE FOR
11 TODAY AND ONE FOR NEXT WEEK. THIS IS AN ITEM WHICH WE HAVE TO
12 MAKE A FINDING. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I ARE JOINTLY MAKING
13 THIS MOTION TO MAKE THE FINDING THAT CAME TO THE ATTENTION OF
14 THE BOARD AFTER THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA. AS THE GEOGRAPHIC
15 REGION OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY ENCOMPASSES THE CITIES OF
16 SAN FERNANDO, BURBANK, GLENDALE, AND CALABASAS AS WELL AS
17 PORTIONS OF THE CITY OF L.A. AND PARTS OF UNINCORPORATED LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY. BECAUSE THIS REGION IS PHYSICALLY SO DISTINCT,
19 MANY RESIDENTS OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IDENTIFY AS SUCH AND
20 MANY BUSINESSES AND NONPROFIT GROUPS HAVE ORGANIZED TO SERVE
21 THE ENTIRE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. CENSUS DATA CAN BE EXTREMELY
22 VALUABLE IN THIS ENDEAVOR. HOWEVER, UNTIL VERY RECENTLY, THE
23 U.S. CENSUS BUREAU DID NOT PROVIDE CENSUS DATA FOR THE SAN
24 FERNANDO VALLEY REGION AS A REGION. IN 2003, THE BOARD SENT A
25 5-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE CENSUS BUREAU REQUESTING THE



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1 CREATION OF A CENSUS COUNTY DIVISION OR C.C.D. THAT WOULD
2 ALLOW FOR THE GENERATION OF CENSUS DATA FOR THE SAN FERNANDO
3 VALLEY. AS A RESULT OF THIS AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT
4 FROM THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE
5 ASSOCIATION, THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
6 AND OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND COMMUNITY
7 ORGANIZATIONS, THE CENSUS BUREAU AGREED TO CREATE THE C.C.D.
8 THE BOUNDARIES FOR THE C.C.D. WERE AGREED UPON IN 2005 AND THE
9 VALLEY BEGAN RECEIVING RESULTS FROM THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY
10 SURVEY PROCESS IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE CENSUS DATA MORE
11 FREQUENTLY THAN THE DISCENEIO CENSUS. WE STARTED TO RECEIVE
12 THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. THESE RESULTS WERE IMMEDIATELY PUT TO
13 USE FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS, BUSINESSES AND NONPROFIT
14 GROUPS LIVING, WORKING AND PROVIDING SERVICES IN THE SAN
15 FERNANDO VALLEY, ENABLING THEM TO ANALYZE BUSINESS TRENDS,
16 RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS AND DEPLOY LIMITED RESOURCES
17 IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY. UNFORTUNATELY, THE CENSUS BUREAU
18 HAS NOW PUBLISHED ITS INTENTION IN THE APRIL 6TH, 2007 FEDERAL
19 REGISTER TO CONSIDER ELIMINATING C.C.D.S FOR THE 2010 CENSUS
20 AND IS SOLICITING INPUT FROM INTERESTED PARTIES TO ASCERTAIN
21 WHETHER DATA USERS STILL FIND C.C.D.'S TO BE A USEFUL
22 GEOGRAPHIC ENTITY FOR REPORTING AND ANALYZING STATISTICAL
23 DATA. COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSAL ARE DUE PRIOR TO JULY 5TH,
24 2007. THAT'S WHY THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER FOR US. I THEREFORE
25 MOVE THAT THE BOARD SEND A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER PRIOR TO THE



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1 DATE OF JULY 5TH, 2007, TO THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU EXPRESSING
2 THE COUNTY'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE RETENTION OF THE SAN
3 FERNANDO CENSUS COUNTY DISTRICT DUE TO THE UNIQUE GEOGRAPHIC
4 NATURE AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFIGURATION OF THE SAN FERNANDO
5 VALLEY. THE LETTER SHOULD STRESS THE USES TO WHICH THE C.C.D.
6 DATA HAVE ALREADY BEEN PUT, INCLUDING THE PREPARATION OF
7 ECONOMIC FORECAST AS WELL AS PROPOSED FUTURE USES SUCH AS
8 CREATION OF AN OFFICIAL PLANNING SUB REGION UNDER THE SOUTHERN
9 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS AND SHOULD EMPHASIZE
10 ALSO THE READILY IDENTIFIABLE AND COHESIVE NATURE OF THE SAN
11 FERNANDO VALLEY COMMUNITY. SECONDED BY MR. ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT
12 OBJECTION. FINDINGS ARE MADE THAT IT CAME TO OUR ATTENTION AND
13 THE MOTION IS APPROVED. OKAY, THAT'S ONE. THE OTHER ONE, I
14 WON'T READ THE WHOLE THING BUT THIS IS FOR NEXT WEEK. MOVE
15 THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER BE DIRECTED TO CONVENE A TASK
16 FORCE OF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN LAND USE, CODE
17 ENFORCEMENT, NUISANCE ABATEMENT AND BUSINESS LICENSE
18 ACTIVITIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE SHERIFF OF
19 REGIONAL PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, TREASURER, TAX COLLECTOR,
20 HEALTH, FIRE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND COUNTY COUNSEL FOR THE
21 PURPOSE OF EXAMINING THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT
22 ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION
23 AND SALE OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TO
24 CONSULT ON THIS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN THE CITY
25 OF LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK AND TO REPORT BACK WITH A PROPOSAL



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1 FOR US AND PROGRAM, INCLUDING ANY RECOMMENDED REGULATORY OR
2 STATUTORY CHANGES WITHIN 60 DAYS. THIS RELATES TO COUNTERFEIT
3 C.D.S AND VIDEO CASSETTES AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS, PART OF A
4 JOINT EFFORT BEING MADE BY THE CITY AND THE COUNTY TO ATTACK
5 COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THAT WILL BE FOR
6 NEXT WEEK. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE-- IS ALLISON KINDY HERE? OKAY,
7 I'M GOING TO CALL ON STEVEN BELL. IS HE HERE? STEVEN BELL?
8 SHIRLEY NOWFAR. PASTOR JOHN WASHINGTON? IS HE HERE? PASTOR
9 WASHINGTON? NOT HERE. MICHAEL HUNT? IS MICHAEL HUNT HERE?
10 ARTHUR ARZAKAN? EDWARD GUERRERO? WHERE ARE YOU? ARE YOU GOING
11 TO SPEAK? COME ON DOWN. JANIE LEWINGS. IS JANIE LEWINGS HERE?

12

13 **JANIE LEWINGS:** I'M HERE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. COME ON DOWN. SO THE FIRST
16 ONE IS ALLISON KINDLE.

17

18 **ALLISON KINDLE:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. ALLISON KINDLE. I'M HERE
19 TODAY TO SEE IF I CAN GET HELP WITH REESTABLISHING MY LOS
20 ANGELES COUNTY SECTION 8 HOUSING AUTHORITY. I HAVE BEEN A
21 VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. I WAS LIVING AT 814 WEST GLEASON
22 STREET AND I WAS HAVING A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROBLEM. I WAS ON
23 SECTION 8 AT THE TIME. I WAS TRYING TO GET HELP FROM MY
24 SECTION 8 WORKER BUT SHE WAS ABOUT 21 YEARS OLD, SHE REALLY
25 DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, SO I WENT TO MY LOS ANGELES COUNTY GAIN



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1 WORKER, WHO WROTE A NOTE FOR ME. I WOUND UP GETTING TERMINATED
2 FROM THE SECTION 8 DEPARTMENT. I SHOWED HER MY PROOF AND
3 EVERYTHING ON MY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BECAUSE MY SON'S FATHER
4 KEPT JUMPING ON ME AND FIGHTING ME, AND SHE TERMINATED ME. I
5 HAD A HEARING WITH THE HEARING OFFICER, I ALSO WAS HAVING
6 MEDICAL PROBLEMS, END STAGE RENAL FAILURE, SEVERE
7 HYPERTENSION, I HAD A SEIZURE, MY BLOOD PRESSURE HIT 300 OVER
8 200, THEY STILL TERMINATED ME. SO THEY TOLD ME, IN ORDER TO
9 GET MY SECTION 8 BACK, THAT I WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK IN FRONT
10 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, IS I'M HERE TODAY TO SEE IF YOU
11 GUYS CAN REESTABLISH MY SECTION 8. I HAVE ALL THE PROOF THAT
12 YOU NEED. I ALSO GOT A NEWS LETTER FROM THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
13 FIVE MONTHS LATER STATING THAT THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT
14 AND THAT IF YOU'VE BEEN A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
15 STALKING, SEXUAL ASSAULT, THAT THEY WILL NOT TERMINATE ANY
16 PARTICIPANT, AND I HAVE PAPERWORK OF THE POLICE REPORTS AND
17 THE SUBPOENA THAT I WENT TO COURT TO GET HIM PUT AWAY.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MAY I ASK A QUESTION?

20

21 **ALLISON KINDLE:** YES.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHY DID THEY TERMINATE YOU? DO YOU HAVE THE
24 LETTER OF TERMINATION? WHAT DOES IT SAY?

25



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1 **ALLISON KINDLE:** YES, I HAVE THE WHOLE-- RIGHT HERE AT THE
2 BOTTOM, IT SAYS THAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWED THAT I DIDN'T REPORT
3 MY SON'S SOCIAL SECURITY TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND, AT THAT
4 TIME, MY SON...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. SO THEY DIDN'T TERMINATE YOU
7 BECAUSE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

8

9 **ALLISON KINDLE:** WELL, HERE IN THE REBUTTAL ALSO IT SHOWS THAT
10 SHE SAID I FAILED TO REPORT MY SON'S SOCIAL SECURITY DUE TO
11 BEING UNDER...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND, AGAIN, YOU KNOW YOU NEED TO DO THAT.

14

15 **ALLISON KINDLE:** AT THE TIME, MA'AM, I WAS UNDER DOMESTIC
16 VIOLENCE, I COULD BARELY GET OUT OF THE HOUSE. I HAVE BEEN HIT
17 IN THE HEAD, I HAVE...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT THAT'S WHAT-- YOU KNOW, HONESTLY.
20 NOW, I WILL WORK WITH YOU BUT LET ME TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE TO
21 -- I MEAN, WE ASK QUESTIONS, AND YOU'VE GOT TO ANSWER THE
22 QUESTIONS. HERE'S THE REASON THEY ASKED YOU FOR THE SOCIAL
23 SECURITY NUMBER BECAUSE HE MAY BE WORKING AND PROVIDING INCOME
24 FOR YOU, WHICH WOULD MAKE YOU INELIGIBLE.

25



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1 **ALLISON KINDLE:** NO, IT'S MY SON WHO...

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND IT'S YOUR SON.

4

5 **ALLISON KINDLE:** HE WAS SIX AT THE TIME. HE WAS A BABY. HE WAS
6 A BABY AT THE TIME AND I WAS...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, WE DON'T KNOW THAT UNTIL YOU ANSWER
9 THE QUESTION. SO MY STAFF IS OVER HERE AND THEY WILL HELP YOU
10 BECAUSE IF, IN FACT, THEY IMPROPERLY REMOVED YOU FROM SECTION
11 8, WE WILL HELP YOU BUT IF, IN FACT, THERE IS A VIOLATION OF
12 THE SECTION 8 RULES, WHICH WE NEED TO UPHOLD, THEN WE NEED--
13 WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND KNOW THAT. SO I'M
14 GOING TO ASK YOU RIGHT NOW TO GO SPEAK WITH MARTHA FROM MY
15 OFFICE AND WE ARE GOING TO HELP YOU.

16

17 **ALLISON KINDLE:** OKAY. MAYBE I DIDN'T MAKE MYSELF CLEAR. I'M A
18 LITTLE NERVOUS.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, I KNOW. WE'LL LOOK AT THE DATA, WE'LL LOOK AT
21 THE INFORMATION AND, BELIEVE ME, THERE'S NOTHING THIS BOARD
22 CAN DO TO REINSTATE THIS SECTION 8. NOT A SINGLE SOLITARY
23 THING, AND ANYBODY WHO SENT YOU HERE MADE A BIG MISTAKE BUT WE
24 WILL INVESTIGATE YOUR CASE BECAUSE I THINK YOU'RE ENTITLED TO
25 KNOW WHAT YOUR RIGHTS ARE AND IF, IN FACT, OUR DEPARTMENT,



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1 WHICH HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO IN THE PAST, MADE A MISTAKE, WE WILL
2 MAKE SURE THAT YOU GET REINSTATED. BUT IF, IN FACT, IT IS
3 BECAUSE WE HAD TO HONOR THE RULES AND THE LAWS THAT H.U.D.
4 GIVES US EVERY SINGLE DAY UNDER SECTION 8, THEN YOU NEED TO
5 UNDERSTAND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO REINSTATE YOU. SO I WANT YOU TO
6 MEET WITH MARTHA FROM MY OFFICE AND WE'LL HELP YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SHIRLEY NOWFAR.

9

10 **SHIRLEY NOWFAR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHIRLEY NOWFAR.
11 SOON AFTER WE PURCHASED A MIXED USE BUILDING IN BOYLE HEIGHTS
12 IN 2005, WE RECEIVED A NOTICE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
13 RECORDING A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN IN A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING. WE
14 FOUND OUT THAT ONE OF THE TENANTS THAT LIVED THERE, THEY USED
15 ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT AS A COMMERCIAL KITCHEN. THEY INSTALLED
16 A COMMERCIAL GAS STOVE WITHOUT PERMIT, TWO AIR CONDITIONERS
17 WITHOUT PERMIT, HIRED TWO OTHER PEOPLE WITHOUT CITY BUSINESS
18 PERMIT OR TAX PERMIT AND THEY'RE COOKING FOOD ALL NIGHT LONG
19 AND SELL IT ON SUPERMARKET CARTS IN FRONT OF A MARIACHI STAND
20 ON BOYLE HEIGHTS, BOYLE AND 1ST STREET. DUE TO DEPOSITS OF
21 BURNED LARD, GREASE AND FAT INTO THE DRAINAGE, WE HAVE A
22 CONSTANT RAW SEWAGE PROBLEM IN OUR BUILDING, IN THE TOILETS,
23 BATH TUBS, KITCHEN, WHATNOT AND BECAUSE OF THAT SAME PROBLEM,
24 OUR RETAIL SPACE BELOW IS NONHABITABLE BECAUSE OF THE RAW
25 SEWAGE, WHICH IS A VERY BIG HEALTH HAZARD. WE CHANGED ALL THE



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1 PIPES, WE TALKED TO THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT, WITHOUT ANY
2 PREVAIL. IN THE PAST 2-1/2 YEARS, IN ORDER TO STOP THESE
3 PEOPLE, WE HAVE TO-- WE CONTACTED HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BUILDING
4 AND SAFETY, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, CITY ATTORNEY, CITY COUNCIL,
5 POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT, VEHICLE INSPECTION UNIT,
6 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF FINANCE AND CODE
7 ENFORCEMENT, EITHER BY SENDING THEM LETTER, CALLING THEM,
8 GOING TO THEIR OFFICES AND EVERY DEPARTMENT SEND US TO ANOTHER
9 DEPARTMENT. THE LAST CONVERSATION THAT WE HAVE WITH THE CITY
10 ATTORNEY, THEY SAID THAT IF L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISOR APPROVE AN
11 UNDERCOVER AGENT TO INVESTIGATE, WITH THAT INVESTIGATION AND
12 WITH THE FACT THAT THEY DO ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, WE CAN EVICT
13 THEM. THE PROBLEM IS NOT JUST EVICTING THEM, THE PROBLEM IS IF
14 WE HAVE A FIRE IN THE BUILDING BECAUSE OF THOSE GREASE THAT
15 ARE THERE BECAUSE THERE'S NO FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN THE UNIT...

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHO IS THE COUNTY COUNSEL THAT TOLD YOU TO COME
18 TO US?

19

20 **SHIRLEY NOWFAR:** THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. THAT'S THE CITY ATTORNEY.

23

24 **SHIRLEY NOWFAR:** YES. THEY TOLD ME TO COME TO THE...

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE IS THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION?

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** IN BOYLE HEIGHTS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES?

6

7 **SHIRLEY NOWFAR:** YES.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY HAVE JURISDICTION. NOW, IF THEY WANT OUR
10 PUBLIC HEALTH PEOPLE TO GO IN THERE AND CITE THEM, THAT CAN
11 HAPPEN BUT IT IS THE CITY OF L.A. THAT SHOULD HAVE
12 JURISDICTION.

13

14 **SHIRLEY NOWFAR:** WELL, THE PROBLEM WE HAVE IS THAT, EVERY TIME
15 THAT THE PEOPLE I CALL THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THEY
16 DON'T OPEN THE DOOR AND THEY CITE ME, THEY GIVE ME CITATION
17 BECAUSE THE TENANT WON'T OPEN THE DOOR TO THEM. SO EVERY TIME
18 THAT I CALL...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, WE'RE GOING IT PUT YOU IN TOUCH-
21 - OUR PUBLIC HEALTH PEOPLE ARE HERE. RAISE YOUR HAND. YOU CAN
22 TALK TO THEM RIGHT NOW.

23

24 **SHIRLEY NOWFAR:** ALL RIGHT.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IF YOU DON'T GET SATISFACTION FROM THEM,
2 PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE, WE'LL HELP YOU.

3

4 **SHIRLEY NOWFAR:** I WILL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. EDWARD GUERRERO.

7

8 **EDWARD GUERRERO:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO START BY REMINDING
9 EVERYBODY THAT OCTOBER 22ND IS THE MARCH AGAINST POLICE
10 BRUTALITY. I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO SAY THAT SHERIFF LEE BACA SAID
11 IT RIGHT. THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS BROKEN. I'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT
12 OUT, BEFORE I FORGET, THAT THE CITY OF BURBANK, IF I REMEMBER
13 CORRECTLY, IS TRYING TO PASS A RESOLUTION SO THAT WE, THE
14 PEOPLE OF BURBANK, CANNOT SPEAK. OF COURSE, THEY DON'T WANT TO
15 SEE THIS VIDEO. NEITHER DOES ANYBODY FROM THIS COUNCIL. MY
16 NAME IS EDWARD PAUL GUERRERO. I DECLARE MY STATEMENTS UNDER
17 PENALTY OF PERJURY. I AM A VICTIM OF POLICE BRUTALITY.
18 SEVERAL. I HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED AT LEAST THREE TIMES. I WAS
19 SEXUALLY MOLESTED IN A BURBANK CITY COUNCIL OF WHICH I'M
20 EMBARRASSED AND TIRED OF TELLING YOU. MIKE ANTONOVICH, PLEASE
21 PAY ATTENTION. GLORIA MOLINA, MS. BURKE. COUNCIL MEMBERS, WHEN
22 I SAID THAT I WAS A VICTIM OF POLICE BRUTALITY AND THAT I HAD
23 BEEN SEXUALLY MOLESTED IN BURBANK CITY COUNCIL AND THAT THEY
24 HID AND EDITED THE TAPES, DOES THAT MEAN ANYTHING TO ANY OF
25 YOU? I WAS SENTENCED TO A YEAR IN JAIL FOR CALLING THE DIRT



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1 BAG CHIEF OF POLICE, TOM HOPEFUL, AND I QUOTE, "HE IS A LIAR,"
2 I CAN PROVE IT ANY DAY, I WAS SENTENCED TO A YEAR IN JAIL.
3 I'VE REPORTED TO YOU AND THIS PANEL FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS
4 THAT I HAVE BEEN A VICTIM. AT THIS POINT, I'D LIKE TO SAY THIS
5 TO YOU, EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU ARE IN RECKLESSNESS,
6 CRIMINAL DERELICTION OF YOUR DUTY AND AEGIS, UNDER AND MORE
7 SPECIFICALLY AT A TIME OF WAR. THIS CRIME HAPPENED DURING A
8 TIME OF WAR AND YOU, I HAVE REPORTED THIS CRIME TO, HAVE
9 FAILED ME. MIKE ANTONOVICH, YOU DIRECTED ANNA PENBENJIAN TO
10 GET CERTAIN INFORMATION AND I BROUGHT YOU DOCUMENTATION, I
11 BROUGHT YOU A DECLARATION AND I BROUGHT YOU COURT DOCUMENTS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. GUERRERO.

14

15 **EDWARD GUERRERO:** TO THIS DAY, NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE. I CHARGE
16 YOU ALL WITH A CRIME.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY, THE COUNTY HAS NO CONTROL
21 OVER THE CITY OF -- ANY OF OUR CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENTS. THE
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS THE CHIEF PROSECUTOR. HE DOES HAVE A
23 UNIT-- PUBLIC INTEGRITY UNIT. HOWEVER, YOU HAVE CONCERNS THAT
24 YOU DON'T TRUST THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY BUT WE WILL PROVIDE THAT
25 INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT YOU'LL SUBMIT.



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2 **EDWARD GUERRERO:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND MY DEPUTY HAS TALKED TO YOU AND WE'LL
5 SUBMIT THAT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THEIR REVIEW BUT
6 WE DON'T HAVE UNILATERAL AUTHORITY OVER A LOCAL POLICE
7 DEPARTMENT OR A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER.

8

9 **EDWARD GUERRERO:** WELL, IN RESPONSE TO THAT, JUST A COUPLE OF
10 SECONDS...

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NO, NO, NO, NO. THERE'S NO
13 RESPONSE. HE HAS TOLD YOU WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO.

14

15 **EDWARD GUERRERO:** THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS PART OF THIS
16 CORRUPTION.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO. TURN OFF THE MICROPHONE.

19

20 **EDWARD GUERRERO:** AND SO ARE YOU, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** JANIE LEWINGS. IS THAT YOU?

23

24 **JANIE LEWINGS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S LATE AND I'M PROBABLY JUST
25 AS TIRED AS YOU ARE. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO



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1 SPEAK AGAIN. I AM HERE TO BRING AN UPDATE AND TO TALK ABOUT,
2 AGAIN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION HEAD START
3 PROGRAM. I'M WONDERING IF YOU ARE AWARE OF A NEW REPORT THAT
4 WAS PRESENTED BY THE L.A.C.O.E. PERSONNEL COMMISSION. THAT
5 INVESTIGATION AND REPORT IS CALLED THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION,
6 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION
7 RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY AND THAT INVESTIGATION AND RESEARCH
8 WAS CONDUCTED BY ANITA JOHNSON, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
9 OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN
10 TECHNOLOGY. TWO CRITICAL THINGS THAT OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF
11 THIS REPORT, IN CASE YOU DON'T HAVE A COPY OF IT AND YOU'RE
12 NOT AWARE OF IT AND THESE ARE TWO OF THE MAJOR FINDINGS. ONE,
13 THAT THE CURRENT RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PRACTICES ARE
14 INADEQUATE, AS EVIDENCED BY THE FOLLOWING. THE CURRENT
15 PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES IN WHICH L.A.C.O.E. CONDUCTS ITS
16 RECRUITMENT, ITS HIRING, ITS SELECTION, THAT WHOLE PROCESS,
17 HAS NOT COMPLIED WITH THE MERIT SYSTEM. I WAS HERE IN MARCH
18 2007 AS A RESULT OF THAT AND I WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT. I HAVE
19 BEEN HARASSED, RETALIATED AGAINST AND, OF COURSE, AFTER
20 SENIORITY OVER 15 OTHER EMPLOYEES, I HAD A LETTER SAYING THAT,
21 DUE TO RIFF, I DID NOT HAVE A JOB. I'M NOT A BROKE WOMAN, AS
22 SOME OF MY COWORKERS HAVE BEEN. I JUST WANT TO SAY TO YOU
23 THAT, IN THAT RETALIATION, THEY HAVE VIOLATED EVERYTHING THAT
24 WAS IN THIS FINDINGS AS A RESULT OF THIS INVESTIGATION. THERE
25 HAVE BEEN TWO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATIONS. I WAS



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1 REVIEWING THE RESULTS OF THAT. THAT'S ANOTHER AREA OF TROUBLE.
2 ALSO, THIS REPORT, IN TERMS OF THE FINDING, INDICATES THAT THE
3 TEST DEVELOPED BY THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION STAFF IS NEARLY
4 NONEXISTENT. WHAT THAT IS BASICALLY SAYING IS THE
5 REORGANIZATION THAT WAS CONDUCTED WAS DONE BY AN OUTSIDE
6 CONSULTANT, A L.A.C.O.E. PERMANENT EMPLOYEE AND A LOT OF THAT
7 PROCESS-- DO I JUST STOP COLD? CAN I FINISH?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD AND FINISH YOUR SENTENCE.

10

11 **JANIE LEWINGS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. A LOT OF THAT INFORMATION
12 AND PROCESS INVOLVED WHAT THE FINDINGS ARE IN THIS REPORT. ONE
13 IS THAT THE STAFF THAT WERE FAMILIAR WITH THE TESTS ALSO
14 PARTICIPATED IN BEING-- APPLYING FOR THE JOB. THAT THE JOB
15 DESCRIPTIONS, THE TESTS, ALL OF THAT WHOLE PROCESS HAS BEEN
16 INVALIDATED, WHICH IS THE HEAD START REORGANIZATION BY THIS
17 REPORT. LASTLY, THE LAST THING IS I HAVE TWO WRITTEN
18 DECLARATIONS FROM PARENTS THAT PHASE II OF THE HEAD START
19 REORGANIZATION WAS ILLEGAL, UNLAWFUL AND THAT IT VIOLATED, IT
20 VIOLATED THE PARENT POLICY BYLAWS AND I HAVE WRITTEN
21 DECLARATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN NOTARIZED BY PARENTS AND I HAVE A
22 GROUP OF ABOUT 10 PARENTS THAT SERVED ON THAT PARENT POLICY
23 COUNCIL THAT WILL MEET WITH ANYONE TO SAY THAT THE SECOND
24 PHASE OF THE HEAD START REORGANIZATION IS INVALID, WHICH
25 IMPACTS OVER 300 HEAD START EMPLOYEES, WHICH IN TURN IMPACTS



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1 OVER 1,000 OVERALL L.A.C.O.E. EMPLOYEES AND WHAT DOES THAT
2 MEAN AS A IMPACT? DEMOTIONS, LOSS OF JOB AND ALL THOSE OTHER
3 THINGS THAT COME WITH IT. I THANK YOU FOR EXTENDING THE TIME.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT DISTRICT ARE YOU IN?

6

7 **JANIE LEWINGS:** I'M IN MR.-- SUPERVISOR KNABE'S DISTRICT, AND I
8 HAVE ABOUT TWO, 3,000 PAGES OF DOCUMENTATION AND A LIST OF
9 PEOPLE TO BE INTERVIEWED AND, SUPERVISOR BURKE, TO JUST ANSWER
10 YOU HONESTLY, I HAVE A LIST OF THE STAFF THAT WAS IMPACTED BY
11 PHASE I AND BY PHASE II AND THOSE THAT WERE IMPACTED BY PHASE
12 II ARE MOSTLY UNION EMPLOYEES AND WHAT THIS REALLY MEANS IS
13 THE UNION AND WHOEVER ELSE TAKES THIS PACKAGE OF DOCUMENTATION
14 POTENTIALLY THIS IS A CLASS ACTION SUIT. IT IS NOT ONLY ABOUT
15 HEAD START EMPLOYEES. IT IMPACTS ALL OF L.A.C.O.E. IN TERMS OF
16 DEMOTIONS, LOSS OF JOBS, ALL KINDS OF AREAS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL HAVE ONE OF MY STAFF VISIT WITH YOU HERE.
19 WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS A LITTLE BIT, SORT OF ON THE
20 FRINGE. STILL ONGOING.

21

22 **JANIE LEWINGS:** AND THIS IS VERY NEW AND VERY CRITICAL AND I
23 SURE HOPE ALL OF YOU HAVE A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND THIS
24 INVESTIGATION BECAUSE THE PERSON, ANITA JOHNSON, THAT WAS
25 ASKED TO CONDUCT THIS REVIEW OF L.A.C.O.E. PERSONNEL



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1 COMMISSION WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT AND I'D ALSO
2 LIKE TO ADD THAT, IN TERMS OF THE DIRECTION OF THE L.A.C.O.E.,
3 IT ONLY TAKES THREE VOTES.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. APRIL KAY MOORE AND
8 GREG KAHWAJIAN. ARE YOU MR. BELL? YOU'RE NEXT.

9

10 **STEVEN BELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
11 PLEASE DON'T HARDEN YOUR HEART DUE TO THE CASES THAT YOU HAVE
12 HEARD TODAY. I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE DEALING WITH A LOT. I'D LIKE
13 TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, DUE TO THE CONCERNS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 CHILDREN SERVICES. MY CHILD WAS INJURED IN 2006 OF APRIL AND I
15 WAS IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA AND I IMMEDIATELY RUSHED MY
16 CHILD TO THE HOSPITAL. WHEN I GOT TO THE HOSPITAL, MY CHILD--
17 MY CHILD WAS DROPPED AT THREE WEEKS YEARS OLD. WHEN I GOT TO
18 THE HOSPITAL, MY GIRLFRIEND AT THE TIME HAD A BLACK EYE, WHICH
19 MADE IT LOOK LIKE AS IF I COULD HAVE HIT HER AND ALSO HURT MY
20 BABY. I WOULD FIRST PUT MYSELF DOWN BACK IN 2003. YES, I HAVE
21 A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE AGAINST ME BUT I WAS SENTENCED TO
22 JAIL AND ALSO, AFTER IMMEDIATE RELEASE FROM JAIL, I HAD TO DO
23 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELING, 52 WEEKS, THAT I SUCCESSFULLY
24 COMPLETED. TODAY I'M HERE BASED UPON THE FACT THAT, BECAUSE
25 THEY WANT TO GIVE MY CHILD UP ON A FAST TRACK ADOPTION. THEY



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1 WOULD NOT PUT MY DAUGHTERS IN THE SAME HOME TOGETHER BECAUSE
2 THE INFANT, SOMEBODY WANTS TO ADOPT MY DAUGHTER, PROMISE, BUT
3 MY DAUGHTER, QUEEN, SHE'S SIX YEARS OLD, NOBODY WANTS HER, SO
4 THEY SEPARATE THEM OUT OF THE HOME. PLUS NOT ONLY THAT, THEY
5 SAY IT'S BECAUSE THEY HAVE TWO SEPARATE MOTHERS. I'M HERE
6 TODAY BECAUSE I WAS NEVER GIVEN ANY FAMILY REUNIFICATION. MY
7 SIX-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER MADE ME A MAN, GAVE ME A SENSE OF
8 RESPONSIBILITY AND GAVE ME MORALS THROUGHOUT LIFE. MY OWN
9 MOTHER COULDN'T TELL ME TO GET A JOB, MY GIRLFRIEND COULDN'T
10 TELL ME TO GET A JOB, COULDN'T NOBODY REALLY TELL ME TO GET A
11 JOB BUT, WHEN I FINALLY HAD MY 6-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, IT GAVE ME
12 A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. SO, BECAUSE OF ME HAVING DOMESTIC
13 VIOLENCE IN MY PAST, D.C.F.S. HAS NEVER GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO
14 TRY TO GET MY CHILD BACK. THEY NEVER TOLD ME TO TAKE ANY
15 CLASSES. I TOOK UP CLASSES ON MY OWN. THEY WOULD NOT GIVE ME
16 ANY INFORMATION ON HOW TO GET MY CHILD BACK. MY SIX-YEAR-OLD,
17 NOBODY WANTS TO ADOPT HER, SO SHE'S STILL IN A FOSTER HOME.
18 SHE'S BEEN HURT TWICE. I DON'T EVEN HIT MY CHILDREN. I MAKE
19 THEM STAND IN THE CORNER, IF ANYTHING, BUT SHE'S BEEN HURT
20 TWICE. SHE HAS A CUT ON HER FACE...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I ASK A QUESTION? SIR, WHEN YOU WENT TO
23 COURT, YOU HAD A LAWYER, CORRECT?

24

25 **STEVEN BELL:** THERE WAS NO ORDER GIVEN. THEY SAID NO...



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** SIR, WHEN YOU WENT TO COURT, YOU HAD A LAWYER?

3

4 **STEVEN BELL:** YES, MA'AM.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHO YOU NEED TO TALK TO. IT IS THE LAWYER
7 WHO HAS TO ADVOCATE FOR YOU. WE CAN'T DO IT. YOU NEED TO KNOW
8 THAT. SO, IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS, IT BEGINS
9 WITH WHEN YOU WENT TO COURT, THERE WAS A LAWYER THAT YOU TOOK
10 OR WAS ASSIGNED TO YOU AND HE HAS A DUTY TO YOU AND THAT'S WHO
11 YOU SHOULD TALK TO.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THAT'S SOUND ADVICE, MR.
14 BELL. THAT'S THE WAY YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO APPROACH IT.

15

16 **STEVEN BELL:** THERE'S NOBODY THAT CAN, LIKE, INVESTIGATE THE
17 CASE, SIR?

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NOT IN SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
20 IT'S IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE COURT. IN FACT, WE ARE
21 PRECLUDED FROM DOING THAT BUT TALK TO YOUR LAWYER WHO YOU
22 HAVE. ALL RIGHT. APRIL KAY MOORE.

23

24 **APRIL KAY MOORE:** YES. THANK YOU. I'M BACK AGAIN. I WAS HERE IN
25 MARCH AND IT'S ALSO REGARDING HEAD START. I WANTED TO GIVE YOU



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1 AN UPDATE ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE I LAST GOT TO SPEAK IN
2 FRONT OF YOU. THE FIRST THING THAT HAPPENED WAS, WHILE I WAS
3 HERE SPEAKING WITH YOU, SOMEBODY SENT AN EMAIL FROM THESE
4 OFFICES TO DARLENE ROBLES TO TELL HER THAT I WAS HERE
5 REPORTING THE WRONGDOINGS AND, THE VERY NEXT DAY, I WAS THROWN
6 OFF THE POLICY COUNCIL. AND-- WITH PREJUDICE, SO TO SPEAK. IT
7 WAS NOT A FAIR HEARING, THEY DID NOT FOLLOW ANY OF THE RULES,
8 THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. IT WAS A KANGAROO
9 COURT. AND, SINCE THEN, EVERYONE ELSE WHO WAS A PARENT ON THE
10 POLICY COUNCIL AND HAS SPOKEN UP AT ALL HAS BEEN THROWN OFF
11 THE COUNCIL. ANYONE WHO HAS QUESTIONS AS TO THE WRONGDOINGS IS
12 ELIMINATED, ESPECIALLY THE SPANISH SPEAKING PARENTS ARE BEING
13 TREATED VERY, VERY UNFAIRLY AND I THINK YOU WOULD BE VERY
14 INTERESTED IN THIS, MS. MOLINA, BECAUSE, BASICALLY, THEY ARE
15 BEING TOLD THAT THEY CANNOT HOLD CERTAIN POSITIONS BECAUSE
16 THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ENGLISH, THEIR ENGLISH IS NOT GOOD
17 ENOUGH SO THEY CANNOT PARTICIPATE, WHICH ALSO MEANS THAT THE
18 WHOLE COMMUNITIES THAT THEY REPRESENT ARE NOT ALLOWED TO
19 PARTICIPATE IN THE DECISION MAKING, THE SHARED DECISION MAKING
20 IN HEAD START. THIS IS, TO ME, IT'S REPREHENSIBLE, IT'S
21 UNACCEPTABLE THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING TREATED THIS WAY, NO MATTER
22 WHAT LANGUAGE THAT THEY SPEAK.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE BUT, IF YOU CAN PROVE IT,
25 I'D BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH YOU ABOUT IT.



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2 **APRIL KAY MOORE:** I HAVE SEVERAL PARENTS WHO THIS HAS HAPPENED
3 TO.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAVE THEM CALL ME.

6

7 **APRIL KAY MOORE:** WELL, WE WILL CALL YOU, MS. MOLINA AND, IF WE
8 DO...

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT HAVE THE PARENTS CALL ME WHO HAVE BEEN
11 DENIED.

12

13 **APRIL KAY MOORE:** THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S RIGHT. HAVE THEM CALL ME. I'D BE HAPPY TO
16 TALK TO THEM.

17

18 **APRIL KAY MOORE:** AND YOU'LL MEET WITH US?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY.

21

22 **APRIL KAY MOORE:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE
23 TO STATE THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING SAID ABOUT HAVING SOMEONE
24 ANSWER TO THESE ALLEGATIONS AND HAS ANYTHING BEEN HAPPENING?

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW THAT OUR OFFICE HAS BEEN LOOKING AT IT.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** SHE'S BEEN IN CONTACT-- APRIL'S BEEN IN CONTACT
4 WITH OUR OFFICE, AS WELL, TOO, AND A COUPLE OTHER FOLKS HAVE
5 SO WE DON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS YET.

6

7 **APRIL KAY MOORE:** OKAY. I HAVE MORE EVIDENCE FOR YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** IF YOU HAVE IT WITH YOU, GIVE IT TO...

10

11 **APRIL KAY MOORE:** OH, OKAY.

12

13 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, THERE'S AN ITEM ON
14 YOUR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA RELATED TO THE CIVIL SERVICE
15 COMMISSION AND I UNDERSTAND THERE MAY BE SOME QUESTIONS FROM
16 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND I WANTED TO MAKE MYSELF AVAILABLE TO
17 ANSWER ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU WANTED
20 TO...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, AGAIN, YOU KNOW, I'M VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE
23 THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT RELATES, AGAIN, TO MARTIN LUTHER KING
24 HOSPITAL IN WHICH WE DISMISSED A NURSE FOR WHATEVER THE REASON
25 WAS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION HAS PUT HER BACK ON THE



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1 JOB AND ASKING US TO PAY BACK WAGES. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT
2 BECAUSE, EVERY TIME I GO INTO CLOSED SESSION, THEY BLAME THE
3 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, THAT'S WHAT THEY TELL US AND YET,
4 WHEN I INVESTIGATE THE CASES, THAT ISN'T TRULY THE CASE. SO
5 THIS IS BEFORE US. I'VE ASKED RAY FORTNER TO ALLOW THE CHAIR
6 OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION TO COME IN AND JOIN US TO
7 EXPLAIN WHAT OCCURRED, AND HE SAID IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF
8 THE BROWN ACT, EVEN THOUGH IT'S A PERSONNEL ITEM, SO I THINK
9 HE SHOULD TELL US WHAT OCCURRED HERE. SO SINCE HE WANTS TO DO
10 IT IN A PUBLIC SETTING, I'M FINE WITH THAT.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THIS WAS QUITE A COMPLICATED CASE AND, WITHOUT
13 GOING INTO A LOT OF DETAIL, THERE WAS A 30-DAY SUSPENSION
14 INVOLVED PENDING INVESTIGATION, AND THE APPELLANT WAS
15 DISCHARGED. EIGHT DAYS OF HEARINGS TOOK PLACE, FIVE DAYS OF
16 HEARINGS HAD ALREADY TAKEN PLACE. THE APPELLANT RESIGNED OR
17 RETIRED. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY SEEMED COMPLETELY
18 UNAWARE THAT THE APPELLANT RETIRED OR RESIGNED. TWO MORE DAYS
19 OF HEARINGS TOOK PLACE. THREE MONTHS AFTER THE APPELLANT
20 RETIRED, THE HEARING OFFICERS' REPORT CAME TO THE COMMISSION
21 RECOMMENDING A 30-DAY SUSPENSION BE IMPOSED RATHER THAN A
22 DISCHARGE AND OVERTURNING THE SUSPENSION, PENDING
23 INVESTIGATION THAT HAD BEEN IMPOSED. THE COMMISSION RECEIVED A
24 MOTION ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT CITING THE ZUNIGA CASE OF
25 THE SUPREME COURT ASKING US TO DISMISS THE CASE AS BEING



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1 OUTSIDE OF OUR AUTHORITY AND, ON THAT VERY CRITICAL ISSUE OF
2 JURISDICTION, BECAUSE OF ZUNIGA, WE RELIED COMPLETELY ON
3 COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO ADVISES THE COMMISSION, AND ACTUALLY
4 DRAFTED THE DOCUMENT THAT WE ADOPTED ON A 5-0 UNANIMOUS VOTE.
5 NOW THAT SPECIFICALLY RELATED...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE DOCUMENT SAID WHAT?

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THE DOCUMENT IS A 3-PAGE DOCUMENT WHICH...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT DOES WHAT?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THAT ESSENTIALLY TAKES A COMPLETELY OPPOSITE VIEW OF
14 WHAT IS BEING ARGUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AS TO HOW TO INTERPRET
15 ZUNIGA. ZUNIGA IS-- I MEAN, I'M NOT A LAWYER...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I THOUGHT YOU JUST SAID THAT THE
18 DEPARTMENT SAID THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE JURISDICTION AND THE
19 COUNTY COUNSEL PROVIDED YOU WITH A DOCUMENT TO IMPLEMENT THAT
20 POINT OF VIEW.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** NO. THE DEPARTMENT FILED A MOTION ASKING US TO
23 DISMISS THE CASE BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE JURISDICTION. ON
24 COUNTY COUNSEL'S ADVICE, WE SAID THE ZUNIGA DECISION OF THE
25 COURT DOES NOT APPLY IN THIS CASE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M SORRY. THE DEPARTMENT ASKED
3 YOU TO DISMISS THE CASE, MEANING WHAT?

4

5 **SPEAKER:** TO-- BECAUSE THE APPELLANT...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MEANING WHAT? TO RATIFY THE FIRING
8 OR TO REVERSE IT?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** TO SAY THAT WE NO LONGER HAD JURISDICTION BECAUSE THE
11 APPELLANT HAD RESIGNED OR RETIRED. SO IT WOULD HAVE BEEN
12 OUTSIDE OF OUR PURVIEW TO EVEN CONTINUE WITH THE CASE IS WHAT
13 THE DEPARTMENT...

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DID THE APPELLANT RESIGN?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES. THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE HEARINGS ACTUALLY
18 CONCLUDED, AND THE DEPARTMENT HAD NO IDEA THAT THE APPELLANT
19 HAD RESIGNED. SO IT'S A VERY COMPLICATED, VERY CONVOLUTED CASE
20 AND I SUSPECT THAT THERE IS A LOT MORE INFORMATION...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING, THAT
23 THE APPELLANT HAS RESIGNED?

24

25 **SPEAKER:** SHE RESIGNED...



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2 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
3 YES, IT IS. THAT IS A FACT.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. WHY
6 WOULD WE SPEND MONEY TO TRY TO HIRE A LAWYER AND DO ALL THE
7 THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO DO TO REESTABLISH THIS CASE IF SHE'S
8 GONE ANYWAY? WHAT'S THE POINT?

9

10 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, THERE ARE TWO FACTS AT PLAY.
11 ONE IS THAT THE COMMISSION ULTIMATELY ADOPTED SOME FINDINGS
12 ABOUT HOW SERIOUS-- SOME SERIOUS MISCONDUCT BUT THEN WOULD NOT
13 SUPPORT EITHER THE RECOMMENDATION BY HEALTH SERVICES TO
14 SUSPEND OR DISCHARGE HER. THAT WAS-- THE DEPARTMENT WANTED TO
15 DISCHARGE HER FOR HER INCOMPETENCE. THE COMMISSION DID DEMOTE
16 HER BUT RETAINED JURISDICTION. THAT LEFT HER ON THE PAYROLL
17 AND SO THERE'S AN ISSUE OF BACK PAY. AND THERE ARE TWO ISSUES
18 THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL THE MATTER ON WHICH I WAS
19 PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN CLOSED SESSION.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHEN DID SHE RESIGN?

22

23 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE HEARING. I
24 BELIEVE WITH TWO DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE HEARING...

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** WELL, SHE RESIGNED ON MAY 16, 2006, I BELIEVE AND THE
2 FINAL REPORT OF THE HEARING OFFICER WAS FILED WITH THE
3 COMMISSION ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2006.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND SHE RESIGNED WHEN?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** MAY 16.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE FOLLOWING MAY 16TH OR THE
10 PREVIOUS?

11

12 **SPEAKER:** NO, NO, THE PREVIOUS. WHILE THE HEARING-- WE HAD
13 ALREADY HAD FIVE DAYS OF HEARINGS IN FRONT OF A HEARING
14 OFFICER. SHE RESIGNS. WE HAVE TWO MORE OR THREE MORE DAYS OF
15 HEARINGS AND THEN, ANOTHER MONTH LATER, THE HEARING OFFICER'S
16 REPORT IS FILED...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DID YOU KNOW THAT SHE RESIGNED AT
19 THE TIME YOU HAD SEVERAL MORE DAYS OF HEARINGS?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** THE COMMISSION DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY COMMUNICATION FROM
22 THE DEPARTMENT UNTIL FEBRUARY 17, I BELIEVE, OF 2007 THAT SHE
23 HAD RESIGNED AND THAT WAS COUPLED WITH THE MOTION FOR US TO
24 DISMISS THE MATTER BECAUSE OF THE ZUNIGA INTERPRETATION THAT
25 THEY WANTED US TO...



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NOW, I'LL COME BACK TO THE
3 QUESTION. WHY WOULD WE PURSUE THIS?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'RE GOING TO APPEAL OUR OWN DECISION? OUR OWN
6 INTERPRETATION.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** DOES IT RELATE TO THE AMOUNT OF RETIREMENT? IS
9 THAT THE ISSUE?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ASIDE FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, YOU
12 KNOW, ARGUING WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, I'M NOT SURE THAT'S THE
13 CASE, BUT LET'S ASSUME IT IS. LEAVING THAT ASIDE, IF SHE'S
14 RESIGNED BEFORE THE DECISION WAS MADE, THEN WHAT'S THE POINT
15 OF SPENDING THE TIME AND THE MONEY TO FIRE HER? I'M JUST
16 TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE-- MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHING I'M MISSING
17 HERE. THERE IS SOMETHING I'M MISSING HERE.

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THERE IS THE ISSUE OF BACK PAY AND
20 BENEFITS FROM THE TIME...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW MUCH TIME IS THAT?

23

24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** UP UNTIL SHE RETIRED BACK UNTIL WHEN
25 THESE PROCEEDINGS STARTED.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW MUCH TIME IS IT BETWEEN THE
3 TIME SHE WAS FIRED AND THE TIME SHE RESIGNED?

4

5 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I DON'T KNOW THAT I CAN QUICKLY GIVE
6 YOU THE FACTS BUT THE BACK PAY AND BENEFITS IS ABOUT \$190,000.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** 190?

9

10 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THIS IS A NURSE?

13

14 **SPEAKER:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT SOUNDS LIKE ABOUT A YEAR'S
17 WORTH OF WORK, DOESN'T IT, OR MORE THAN A YEAR'S WORTH OF
18 WORK. WAS THERE A YEAR BETWEEN THE TIME SHE WAS FIRED AND THE
19 TIME SHE RESIGNED?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** SHE WAS ASSISTANT NURSING DIRECTOR AT KING HOSPITAL.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** SHE WAS NURSE DIRECTOR.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ASSISTANT NURSE DIRECTOR.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. WE STILL DON'T PAY THEM 190 A YEAR.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, WITH BENEFITS. YOU NEVER
5 KNOW. OVERTIME AND BENEFITS.

6

7 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** ONE THING THAT MAY HELP CLARIFY IS,
8 WHEN WE TALK ABOUT COUNTY COUNSEL ADVISING, ONE OF THE
9 PECULIARITIES OF A PUBLIC LAW OFFICE HAVING A GOVERNING BODY
10 AND A CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IS THE LAW REQUIRES US--
11 AUTHORIZES US TO REPRESENT THE -- AND PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE TO
12 THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, BUT WE MUST DO IT IN A UNIT THAT
13 IS INSULATED FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE OFFICE. SO,
14 TRADITIONALLY, AND WE HAVE DONE THIS SINCE BEFORE I CAME IN
15 THE OFFICE, I BELIEVE, MORE THAN 37 YEARS AGO, HAD AN ATTORNEY
16 OR ATTORNEYS ASSIGNED TO PROVIDE LEGAL ADVICE TO THE
17 COMMISSION AND THAT WAS DONE HERE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO DO YOU THINK A JUDGE IS GOING TO UPHOLD THAT?
20 YOU'RE GOING TO GO IN AND CLAIM THAT YOUR OWN COUNTY COUNSEL
21 DIDN'T GIVE THE APPROPRIATE ADVICE AND YOU'RE GOING TO FILE
22 AND ASK FOR AN APPEAL ON THE ADVICE OF YOUR OWN COUNTY
23 COUNSEL?

24



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1 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, THAT COUNTY COUNSEL ADVISED THE
2 COMMISSION THAT, ON HIS READING OF THE ZUNIGA CASE THAT'S BEEN
3 REFERRED TO, THE COMMISSION RETAINED JURISDICTION THAT THERE
4 WAS ENOUGH OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THAT CASE AND THE CASE
5 BEFORE...

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE ANSWER TO MY QUESTION IS YES?

8

9 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** BUT, YES, WE ARE GOING TO ARGUE THAT
10 THE ZUNIGA CASE IS CONTROLLING AND, FRANKLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO
11 TRY AND MAKE LAW IF IT IS, IF THE LAW IS UNCLEAR, WE WOULD
12 LIKE TO CLARIFY IT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, YOU'RE GOING TO ARGUE-- MR. FORTNER, MR.
15 FORTNER...

16

17 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** BUT THAT'S NOT THE MAIN PRONG OF
18 OUR...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. BUT ANSWER MY QUESTION. YOU'RE GOING TO ASK
21 US TO APPEAL A DECISION THAT YOUR OWN COUNTY COUNSEL ADVISED
22 THE COMMISSION ON?

23

24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** A MEMBER OF MY STAFF ASSIGNED TO
25 ADVISE THE COMMISSION, YES. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME THIS



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1 HAS HAPPENED AND WE HAVE, ON MANY OCCASIONS, WITHOUT REGARD TO
2 LEGAL ADVICE, CHALLENGED DECISIONS OF THE COMMISSION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW MANY OF THOSE HAVE WE EVER WON WHERE...

5

6 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, I CAN'T TELL YOU THAT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND, I MEAN, YOU'RE GOING TO GO IN THERE AND HE'S
9 GOING TO BE A DEFENDANT IN THE CASE AND HE'S GOING TO GO UP
10 THERE AND SAY, "SIR, THIS IS FROM COUNTY COUNSEL, I RELIED ON
11 THIS OPINION TO MAKE MY DECISION."

12

13 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, THE PARTY THAT WILL ACTUALLY DO
14 THAT IS THE REAL PARTY IN INTEREST, WHICH IS THE EMPLOYEE IN
15 THIS CASE OR THE RETIRED EMPLOYEE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU DON'T KNOW THAT. YOU JUST SAID THAT I COULD
18 NOT HAVE HIM IN CLOSED SESSION BECAUSE HE IS A DEFENDANT.

19

20 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** HE MUST BE NAMED-- NOT HE, THE
21 COMMISSION...

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. YOU SAID HE WAS A DEFENDANT.

24



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1 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** PROCEDURALLY, THE WAY THESE
2 CHALLENGES ARE...

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I'M JUST SAYING THE SAME THING. IF, IN FACT,
5 YOU'RE GOING TO FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST HIM AND MAKE HIM A
6 DEFENDANT, THEN I WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE'S GOING TO HOLD
7 UP AND SAY. "I'VE FOLLOWED THE ADVICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL WHO IS
8 NOW SUING ME FOR FOLLOWING THEIR ADVICE."

9

10 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** NO, THAT IS NOT EXACTLY RIGHT, AS THE
11 C.A.O. IS TELLING ME.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY. MR. KAWAJIN, DO YOU READ IT
14 DIFFERENTLY?

15

16 **MR. COLLAGEAN:** NO, I THINK. YOU KNOW, TO ME, THE CRITICAL
17 THING FOR THE BOARD WAS THAT THERE IS NO DISCLOSURE ANYWHERE
18 UP TO MY COMING UP HERE TO THE EFFECT THAT OUR DECISION, OUR
19 TENTATIVE DECISION, WHICH BECAME A FINAL DECISION, WAS
20 COMPLETELY DRAFTED BY THE DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL WHO ADVISES
21 THE COMMISSION. WE DIDN'T CHANGE A SINGLE COMMA OR PERIOD OR
22 WORD...

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHAT? WHAT'S YOUR POINT?

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S BEING NAMED IN THE LAWSUIT.

2

3 **MR. COLLAGEAN:** BUT HE DIDN'T DISCLOSED-- HE HASN'T DISCLOSED
4 THAT TO YOU THAT OUR DECISION WAS A RESULT OF COUNTY COUNSEL'S
5 ADVICE AND NOW HE'S TRYING TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE
6 COMMISSION SOMEHOW ERRED OR IS NOT ACTING PROPERLY.

7

8 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I SPEAK TO
9 THAT?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH.

12

13 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THE MAIN THRUST OF THE LAWSUIT THAT
14 WE WOULD BRING TO DISCUSS THIS PUBLICLY HERE IS THAT THE
15 COMMISSION ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN NOT SUSTAINING THE
16 DISCHARGE IN LIGHT OF THE FINDINGS THAT IT ADOPTED ABOUT THE
17 EGREGIOUS CONDUCT BY THIS WOMAN. THIS IS NOT UNUSUAL AT ALL.
18 OVER THE YEARS, ANY TIME THE COMMISSION DOES NOT SUPPORT A
19 DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT, WITH YOUR BOARD'S AUTHORITY,
20 WANTS TO CHALLENGE THAT, WE HAVE BROUGHT THESE CASES. WE'VE
21 BROUGHT MANY OF THEM.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHY WOULD YOU PUT IN YOUR CONFIDENTIAL
24 REPORT TO US HIS NAME AND NOT THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS AND THAT



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1 THEY WERE DOING WHAT YOU ADVISED THEM TO DO IN A MEMO THAT YOU
2 SIGNED?

3

4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THE FACT THAT THE COMMISSION HAS
5 SEPARATE COUNSEL...

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IT CAME UNDER YOUR SIGNATURE BUT YOU ONLY
8 PICKED OUT HIS NAME. YOU DIDN'T PICK OUT THE COMMISSION ON
9 ADVICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL.

10

11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** AND I HAVE EXPLAINED TO THE PRESIDENT
12 OF THE COMMISSION AND APOLOGIZED TO HIM THAT IT IS READ AS AN
13 ATTACK ON HIM PERSONALLY OR THAT HE HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT AS
14 SOMEHOW HAVING ACTED IMPROPERLY. THE TWO REFERENCES IN THE
15 MEMORANDUM, QUITE CANDIDLY, WHEN I READ THIS MEMORANDUM BEFORE
16 I SIGNED IT, HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT HE NOTED, HE POINTED OUT
17 THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S SIDE OF THE HEARING HAD FAILED TO BRING
18 THIS TO THE COMMISSION'S ATTENTION FOR A LONG TIME. I TOOK
19 THAT AS A REFERENCE TO SOMETHING THAT HE HAD NOTED AND POINTED
20 OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HADN'T DONE AS DILIGENT A JOB AS
21 PERHAPS IT SHOULD. IT IS NOT A CRITICISM OF THE PRESIDENT OF
22 THE COMMISSION, BY NAME OR OTHERWISE. IF IT HAD READ THE
23 COMMISSION HAD NOTED THIS, IT WOULD HAVE MEANT THE SAME THING.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THEY ACTED ON YOUR RECOMMENDATION OR ON
2 THE COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION.

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4 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I'M SORRY?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY BASED THEIR ACTION, THOUGH, ON YOUR, THE
7 COUNSEL'S RECOMMENDATION.

8

9 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** ON THE COUNSEL THAT IS ASSIGNED TO
10 THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, THIS...

13

14 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THEY HAVE TWO DIFFERENT...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, BUT THEY WON'T-- NOBODY'S
17 GOING TO SUE THE COUNSEL TO THE COMMISSION. THEY'RE GOING TO
18 SUE THE COMMISSION, JUST LIKE WE GET SUED. I MEAN, THEY DON'T
19 SUE RAY FORTNER, THEY SUE US. IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL. IS HE
20 PERSONALLY ON THE HOOK FOR...

21

22 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** ABSOLUTELY NOT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THE COUNTY WILL INDEMNIFY HIM,
25 CORRECT?



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2 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES, AND THE COMMISSION TRADITIONALLY
3 HAS NOT MADE AN APPEARANCE IN THESE. THE APPEARANCES ARE BY
4 THE COUNTY AS THE PLAINTIFF AND BY THE REAL PARTY IN INTEREST,
5 THE EMPLOYEE OR VICE VERSA, IF THE EMPLOYEE IS UNHAPPY WITH
6 THE RESULT OF THE COMMISSION, THEY NAME THE COMMISSION AND THE
7 COUNTY IS THE REAL PARTY IN INTEREST.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT. YOU KNOW, I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU, THIS
10 DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. WE HAVE BEEN ON THIS ISSUE ABOUT, YOU
11 KNOW, THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND BRINGING EMPLOYEES BACK
12 ON. I MEAN, I HAVE BEEN A CRITIC. I'VE WATCHED HIM IN ACTION.
13 IT'S ALWAYS PRESENTED TO US IN CLOSED SESSION THAT, YOU KNOW,
14 THAT COMMISSION JUST DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IT'S DOING AND, VERY
15 FRANKLY, I MEAN, YOU HAVE A NURSE WHO RETIRED IN BETWEEN AND
16 YOUR STAFF JUST DOESN'T DO THE DUE DILIGENCE TO UNDERSTAND THE
17 INFORMATION BEFORE IT. AND, YOU KNOW, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE
18 SENSE. YOU KNOW, I WAS A 19-YEAR-OLD WANNABE LEGAL SECRETARY
19 AND I HAD A LAWYER WHO WASN'T THE BEST LAWYER IN TOWN BUT HE
20 CAME IN, THE WOMAN CAME IN AND WANTED TO GET AN ANSWER FOR--
21 BECAUSE SHE WAS BEING SUED AND SO HE DICTATED TO ME THE
22 RESPONSE, THE ANSWER AND HE TOLD ME TO PREPARE IT BECAUSE IT
23 WAS GOING TO BE FILED IN THE MORNING AND I KEPT TRYING TO SAY.
24 "BUT SIR" AND "BUT SIR" AND HE SAID, "JUST TAKE THEM" AND THEN
25 HE LEFT. I TYPED UP THE ANSWER, PUT IT ON HIS DESK IN THE



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1 MORNING. AND, BEFORE HE WENT TO COURT TO FILE IT, OR BEFORE WE
2 SENT IT OFF TO BE FILED, I TOLD HIM, "ISN'T THAT A PROBLEM,
3 BECAUSE WE ARE ALSO-- WE'RE DEFENDING-- WE'RE THE LAWYERS FOR
4 THE PLAINTIFF. HOW CAN WE BE THE LAWYERS FOR THE DEFENDANT AT
5 THE SAME TIME?"

6

7 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S WHAT I DESCRIBED, SUPERVISOR
8 MOLINA, AS...

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE ISSUE BEING THAT YOU CANNOT. IT IS CALLED
11 MALPRACTICE.

12

13 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** NO. THE COURTS OF APPEAL HAVE
14 ADDRESSES THIS SPECIFIC ISSUE INVOLVING CIVIL SERVICE
15 COMMISSIONS AND CITY COUNSELS AND BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I JUST THINK THAT, AGAIN...

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WE'RE CHARGED BY THE CHARTER WITH
20 REPRESENTING BOTH AND THE WAY THAT IS ETHICALLY DONE, AND THE
21 COURTS OF APPEAL RECOGNIZE THIS, IS BY SHIELDING...

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU CAN'T HAVE ONE LAWYER ADVISING A
24 DEPARTMENT, THE SHERIFF, THE SECRETARY, THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER
25 AND THEN YOU TURN AROUND AND IT GETS PRESENTED TO US AND NOW



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1 WE HAVE ANOTHER LAWYER TELLING US, WELL, THAT LAWYER WAS WRONG
2 SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SUE AND DO THIS. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO
3 BE-- THE LAWYERS ARE SUPPOSED TO ASSIST US IN FACILITATING
4 DECISIONS AND, I MEAN, I'M JUST FINDING SO MUCH RESISTANCE TO
5 THIS, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT BECAUSE, HAD WE GONE INTO CLOSED
6 SESSION AND MR. KAWAJIN HAD NOT BEEN HERE, I WOULD HAVE HEARD
7 THAT STORY AGAIN, YOU KNOW, "THAT CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
8 THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING," BECAUSE THAT'S THE
9 STANDARD ISSUE ALL THE TIME.

10

11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, SUPERVISOR, ANY TIME WE ASK
12 YOUR BOARD FOR AUTHORITY TO BRING A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE
13 COMMISSION BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT THE RESULT WAS ERRONEOUS, AND
14 THAT IS THE MAIN THRUST HERE, THIS ISSUE OF THE ZUNIGA, LOSS
15 OF JURISDICTION IS NOT THE MAIN ISSUE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT IT WAS...

18

19 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THE MAIN ISSUE IS WE BELIEVE THEY
20 ABUSED THEIR DISCRETION.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, SIR, IF I AM SITTING HERE AS-- I AM
23 LISTENING TO YOUR ADVICE, OKAY? WHETHER IT'S CORRECT OR
24 INCORRECT, IT IS ASSUMED THAT MY RESPONSIBILITY IS TO LISTEN
25 TO MY LAWYER AND TAKE THEIR ADVICE. THAT'S MY-- NOW, I TURN



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1 AROUND AND GET SUED AND I FIND THAT MY LAWYER GAVE ME THE
2 WRONG ADVICE, WHICH HAPPENS OFTEN, WHAT IS MY DUTY? I MEAN,
3 YOU'RE COSTING TAXPAYER MONEY.

4

5 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, I'M HARD-PRESSED TO THINK THAT
6 YOU'RE GETTING ADVICE WRONG ALL THE TIME BUT I'M NOT SURE WHAT
7 YOU MEAN BY WHAT IS YOUR DUTY, SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, I MEAN, YOU KNOW, I...

10

11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WE GIVE OUR BEST LEGAL OPINION.
12 THAT'S THE BEST WE CAN DO.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, BUT, SIR, I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE
15 QUESTIONING HERE. THAT'S WHAT WE'RE QUESTIONING HERE, IS THAT
16 THE BEST WE CAN DO, YET IT WALKS OVER FROM WHATEVER THAT
17 OFFICE WAS TO THE OTHER OFFICE AND IT'S THE WRONG OPINION.
18 NOW, I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS LAWYER WAS BUT HOPEFULLY
19 THEY HAVE A SUPERVISOR AND HOPEFULLY YOU HAVE A PROCESS. I
20 MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE, YOU KNOW, THIS HAPPENED IN, YOU KNOW,
21 ALASKA, AND NOW IT HAPPENED HERE. IT HAPPENED IN THE SAME
22 OFFICE, AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT BECAUSE I DON'T CARE, YOU
23 KNOW, WHAT KIND OF ISOLATION THERE IS, YOU KNOW? IF WE CREATE
24 A LEGAL OPINION THAT I'M SURE IS SIGNED BY YOU, ALL RIGHT, TO
25 GIVE...



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2 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** NO. I WAS...

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE'S NO SUPERVISION. YOU DID NOT GET EMPOWER A
5 SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THAT DECISION?

6

7 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I DON'T KNOW IF THERE WAS A WRITTEN
8 OPINION GIVEN, IN FACT. I WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS INCIDENT AT
9 ALL UNTIL THIS MORNING WHEN YOU BROUGHT IT TO MY ATTENTION.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT, WAIT. WHAT IF I SHOWED
12 YOU A LEGAL OPINION FROM YOUR OWN LAWYER?

13

14 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S FINE, BECAUSE THAT'S HIS JOB,
15 IS TO ADVISE THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND DO HIS BEST AT
16 DOING AND ADVISING THE COMMISSION AND TELLING HIM WHAT HE
17 THINKS THE LAW IS AND SEEING THAT HE HAS AN ETHICAL OBLIGATION
18 TO TELL THEM WHAT...

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S LIKE WE'RE IN A KANGAROO COURT HERE. THAT'S
21 WHAT IT FEELS LIKE. I MEAN, IT'S LIKE, YOU KNOW, WHO AM I
22 BOXING WITH ON THIS ONE?

23

24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, I DON'T WANT TO BOX WITH
25 ANYONE. I WANT TO GET AUTHORITY TO CHALLENGE THE COMMISSION'S



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1 DECISION WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS PROPER TO HAVE NOT SUSTAINED
2 THE DISCHARGE IN THIS INSTANCE, AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE WOULD
3 ASK YOUR BOARD FOR YOUR AUTHORITY. IF YOUR BOARD DOESN'T WANT
4 TO GRANT US THE AUTHORITY, THEN THAT WOULD BE THE END OF THE
5 MATTER.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, IT'S MORE THAN THAT, THOUGH, I MEAN, IT'S
8 NOT JUST THE AUTHORITY. I UNDERSTAND THAT PORTION OF IT BUT
9 WE'RE SAYING IT'S SORT OF DIFFICULT TO SWALLOW WHEN YOU'RE
10 ASKING US FOR AUTHORITY TO APPEAL THE DECISION THAT A
11 COMMISSION DID BASED ON THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OPINION.

12

13 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, IN ALL CIVIL SERVICE
14 PROCEEDINGS, SUPERVISOR KNABE, THERE IS GOING TO BE A LAWYER
15 FOR THE COMMISSION INVOLVED AND MAY GIVE ADVICE IN MANY OF
16 THEM. I DON'T KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF IT BUT THE COMMISSION'S
17 LAWYERS ROUTINELY ADVISE THEM AND WILL HAVE ROUTINELY ADVISED
18 THEM, AS IS THEIR JOB, IN MATTERS THAT WE, ON THE GENERAL BUN,
19 OR THE BOARD SIDE, FEEL THAT THE DECISION WAS ERRONEOUS AND WE
20 WOULD LIKE TO APPEAL IT TO COURT AND THE COMMISSION SITS AS A
21 NEUTRAL APPELLATE BODY.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHO IS GOING TO BE HIS LAWYER?

24



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1 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WITHOUT AN APPEARANCE, THERE WILL NOT
2 BE A LAWYER THERE. THE EMPLOYEE WILL COME FORWARD AND RAISE
3 HER ARGUMENTS.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, YOU SEE, YOU KEEP GOING IN CIRCLES.

6

7 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** BECAUSE THAT'S THE-- SHE'S THE REAL
8 PARTY OF INTEREST.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT YOU JUST SAID I COULD NOT
11 INVITE HIM INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM BECAUSE HE
12 WAS A DEFENDANT AND NOW HE'S NOT A DEFENDANT. IS HE A
13 DEFENDANT OR NOT A DEFENDANT?

14

15 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I'M ASKING AUTHORITY TO FILE A
16 LAWSUIT AGAINST A CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO HE'S A DEFENDANT?

19

20 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** HE IS THE PRESIDENT OF...

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHO WILL BE HIS LAWYER?

23



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1 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** HE WILL NOT MAKE-- THE COMMISSION
2 WILL NOT MAKE AN APPEARANCE AND WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED IN
3 COURT BY A LAWYER.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT WE NEVER MAKE AN APPEARANCE WHEN THEY SUE US,
6 YET WE HAVE A LAWYER REPRESENT US. WE DON'T?

7

8 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T FOLLOW YOU.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHEN I GET SUED IN EVERY MALPRACTICE CASE, I AM,
11 AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SUED, I NEVER SHOW UP
12 IN COURT FOR IT BUT I AM REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER AND SO WHY
13 ISN'T HE GOING TO BE REPRESENTED BY A LAWYER?

14

15 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S TRUE, BECAUSE NO APPEARANCE IS
16 ENTERED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION. THIS IS THE SAME AS A
17 MATTER THAT HAS BEEN HEARD IN THE SUPERIOR COURT AND ONE OF
18 THE PARTIES IS UNHAPPY WITH THE RESULT AND TAKES A WRIT TO THE
19 COURT OF APPEAL AND YOU'VE AUTHORIZED A NUMBER OF WRITS. THE
20 SUPERIOR COURT DOES NOT APPEAR IN THE COURT OF APPEAL. THE
21 PARTY BRINGING THE WRIT, THE PETITIONER, AND AS YOU'VE
22 AUTHORIZED US OCCASIONALLY, FOR EXAMPLE, WE'RE THE PETITIONER
23 AND THE OTHER SIDE IS THE REAL PARTY IN INTEREST AND THEY ARE
24 REPRESENTED BY COUNCIL BUT THE SUPERIOR COURT, WHOSE RULING IS
25 BEING CONTESTED, MAKES NO APPEARANCE AND THIS IS REALLY



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1 ANALOGOUS TO THAT. IT'S A NEUTRAL APPELLATE BODY/ THERE'S A
2 DECISION THAT IS RENDERED...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN WHY COULDN'T HE COME INTO THE MEETING
5 AND HAVE THIS DISCUSSION IN EXECUTIVE SESSION?

6

7 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** BECAUSE WE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE
8 REALITY THAT IT IS A SEPARATE BODY FROM THE BOARD AND IS NAMED
9 AS A DEFENDANT. THE SUPERIOR COURT WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND AND
10 HAS NOT UNDERSTOOD. IN YEARS PAST, THERE WERE OCCASIONS WHERE
11 THE COMMISSION WAS PRESENT, MANY YEARS PAST.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A LAWYER TO
14 RECOGNIZE THAT THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** HOW MUCH ARE WE GOING TO SPEND ON THIS AS IT
17 RELATES TO THE \$190,000, WHICH IS THE WHOLE ISSUE, RIGHT?

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** 190.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** 190,000 IS THE ISSUE HERE.

22

23 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I THINK WE'VE ESTIMATED \$30,000, 30
24 TO \$35,000, INCLUDING APPELLATE REVIEW.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** DO WE HAVE OUTSIDE COUNSEL?

2

3 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** YES.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE'RE GOING TO SPEND ABOUT 30,000 FOR THE
6 OUTSIDE COUNSEL, IF ALL GOES WELL.

7

8 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** AND THAT WOULD INCLUDE THROUGH THE
9 COURT OF APPEAL IF WE LOST AT THE TRIAL COURT, IF YOUR BOARD
10 WERE TO AUTHORIZE THAT.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S SO SELDOM WE HAVE A 30,000-DOLLAR CASE THAT
13 GOES THROUGH THAT WAY. IF IT GOES TO TRIAL?

14

15 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, IT'S A WRIT PROCEDURE,
16 SUPERVISOR, AND YOU'LL RECALL THAT THAT'S BASICALLY JUST--
17 CONSISTS OF THE RECORD THAT'S PRESENTED AND THE LEGAL
18 ARGUMENTS BY THE LAWYERS. THERE IS NO TRIAL OR LIVE WITNESS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS IT A PROCESS WHERE YOUR DEPUTY COUNTY
21 COUNSEL GIVES THEIR PENDING OPINION TO THE COMMISSION FOR YOUR
22 REVIEW OR DO THEY GIVE IT DIRECTLY TO THE COMMISSION AND YOU
23 AUTOMATICALLY SIGN THEIR RECOMMENDATION?

24



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1 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I AM RARELY
2 INVOLVED WITH ADVICE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO THE COMMISSION AND DO
3 NOT SIGN IT OUT. THERE MAY BE SOME OCCASIONS WHERE AN ISSUE IS
4 BROUGHT UP THROUGH THE OFFICE BUT, BY AND LARGE, IT IS AN
5 ONGOING WORKING ASSIGNMENT AND THE COMMISSION'S LAWYER HAS
6 AUTHORITY TO ADVISE THE COMMISSION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WERE YOU AWARE THAT THE DEPUTY COUNSEL GAVE
9 THE OPINION TO THE COUNCIL WHICH THEY-- THE COMMISSION WHICH
10 THEY USED IN THEIR DECISION, WERE YOU AWARE OF THAT?

11

12 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** NO, I WAS NOT IN THIS INSTANCE. I
13 DIDN'T LEARN OF THAT FACT UNTIL TODAY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UNTIL TODAY. SO YOU SIGNED THIS MEMO TO US
16 TODAY, WHICH JUST PINPOINTS GREG KAHWAJIAN AND DOESN'T POINT
17 OUT THAT HE WAS-- AND THE UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE COMMISSION
18 WAS BASED UPON YOUR OFFICE'S RECOMMENDATION.

19

20 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, I WOULD RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE
21 THAT IT PINPOINTS BLAME ON THE PRESIDENT AND I'M SORRY IF IT
22 IS READ THAT WAY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, HE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT'S NAMED IN YOUR
25 REPORT TO US, SO IF WE READ THIS NOT KNOWING THE FACTS, WE



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1 WOULD THINK THE CHAIRMAN OF THIS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IS
2 THE PERSON WHO WAS INVOLVED WITH THIS AND IT WASN'T A
3 UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION UPON RECOMMENDATION OF COUNTY
4 COUNSEL.

5

6 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, LET ME JUST SAY AND AS I'VE
7 SAID TO COMMISSIONER KAWAJIN, THAT THERE IS NO ONE IN MY
8 OFFICE AND SPECIFICALLY ME THAT HAS ANY-- HARBORS ANY ANIMUS
9 OR DISLIKE FOR THE COMMISSION MEMBERS AS INDIVIDUALS. WHAT
10 THIS IS ALL ABOUT IS A DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, BASED ON
11 FINDINGS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION. AND WE'RE NOT ENGAGING IN
12 PERSONALITIES AT ALL AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT MESSAGE WAS
13 CONVEYED TO THE MEMBERS OF YOUR BOARD THROUGH THAT OR TO MR.
14 KAWAJIN AS HE APPARENTLY HAS SEEN IT, THEN MY APOLOGIES ARE IN
15 ORDER. IT CERTAINLY WAS NOT INTENDED.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU MENTION HIM TWICE AND THE SECOND TIME,
18 YOU SAY THAT HE NOTED ON APRIL 4TH THAT THE COMMISSION TOOK A
19 NARROW VIEW AND THAT IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THAT CASE COULD
20 BE APPLIED. YOU ALSO NOTED THAT WITH RESPECT BUT NOWHERE DO
21 YOU SAY THAT HE'S QUOTING YOUR OPINION THAT THIS IS THE CASE.
22 SO BASICALLY IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S MAKING THE DETERMINATION AS TO
23 THE ACTION TO TAKE AND YOU DON'T MENTION HE'S QUOTING YOUR
24 ADVICE, YOUR COUNSEL'S ADVICE. SO WHEN WE READ THIS COLD, WE
25 THINK, WHAT DID HE DO? AND NOW WE HAVE TO UNDO WHAT HE HAS



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1 DONE BECAUSE HE MADE THIS TERRIBLE DECISION AND YET THE
2 UNANIMOUS DECISION WAS BASED UPON YOUR RECOMMENDATION. NOW WE
3 HAVE TO HIRE AN OUTSIDE LAWYER TO UNDUE YOUR RECOMMENDATION.

4

5 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WE DON'T HAVE TO HIRE AN OUTSIDE
6 LAWYER. IT'S THE SAME LAWYER THAT TRIED THE CASE BEFORE THE
7 COMMISSION AND WE COULD DO THIS IN-HOUSE, FOR THAT MATTER. WE
8 DON'T NEED AN OUTSIDE COUNSEL. WE COULD DO IT...

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT, AGAIN, YOU POINT OUT ONE MEMBER OF THE
11 COMMISSION AND HE AND THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS WERE FOLLOWING
12 YOUR ADVICE BUT YOU DON'T EXPLAIN THAT IN HERE AS A FOOTNOTE.

13

14 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** THAT'S A MATTER OF WRITING STYLE,
15 WHICH I PERHAPS SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE SENSITIVE TO IT AND
16 CERTAINLY WOULD BE IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT DIRECTED
17 AT HIM. IT WAS DIRECTED AT THE ACTION OF THE COMMISSION
18 ITSELF.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S LIKE KEYSTONE COPS.

21

22 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WELL, I MEAN, FORGIVE ME, BUT THAT IS A
23 FUNDAMENTAL POINT THAT IS REQUIRED FOR AN ATTORNEY TO GIVE TO
24 HIS CLIENT. THE OMISSION THAT OUR DECISION WAS BASED ON
25 COMMISSION-- ON COUNTY COUNSEL'S ADVICE IS, I THINK, A SERIOUS



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1 ONE FOR THIS BOARD TO CONSIDER. AND JUST SO WE TALK ABOUT THE
2 MERITS OF THE CASE, THE DEPARTMENT CHARGED THE APPELLANT WITH
3 A SERIES OF ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING, FALSIFICATIONS AND SO
4 ON. THEY WERE ONLY ABLE TO PROVE A LIMITED NUMBER OF THOSE
5 ALLEGATIONS AND THAT IS WHY THE DISCIPLINE WAS REDUCED TO 30
6 DAYS BY THE HEARING OFFICER. THE COMMISSION DETERMINED THAT,
7 UPON REVIEW OF WHAT WAS ACTUALLY PROVEN DURING THE HEARING,
8 THAT IT WAS MORE MANAGEMENT ISSUES, THE MANAGEMENT OF STAFF
9 THAT WAS DIFFICULT FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL AND THAT'S WHY THE
10 REDUCTION WAS IMPOSED BY THE COMMISSION IN LIEU OF THE 30-DAY
11 DISCIPLINE THAT THE HEARING OFFICER HAD ORIGINALLY RECOMMENDED
12 TO US.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTY COUNSEL ADVISED YOU?

15

16 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WELL, I MEAN, THAT WAS A PART OF THE
17 DISCUSSION ON THE 30-DAY SUSPENSION. PENDING INVESTIGATION, WE
18 GOT ADVICE FROM COUNTY COUNSEL. ON THE ZUNIGA ISSUE-- THE
19 ZUNIGA PORTION OF THE CASE, WE GOT DIRECT ADVICE FROM COUNTY
20 COUNSEL. ON THE ACTUAL DISCIPLINE DISCHARGE REDUCED TO 30 DAYS
21 AND THEN TAKEN TO A REDUCTION OF THE EMPLOYEE, THAT WAS DONE
22 BY THE COMMISSION BASED ON WHAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS ABLE TO
23 PROVE AS TO THEIR ALLEGATIONS AND WHETHER THE DISCIPLINE
24 GUIDELINES ALLOWED FOR THAT LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE. SO THAT'S HOW
25 THE SYSTEM IS SUPPOSED TO WORK. THE DEPARTMENT ALLEGES, WE



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1 GIVE THE HEARING, WE SAY ARE THE ALLEGATIONS TRUE, IS A
2 DISCIPLINE APPROPRIATE? THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO PROVE ITS CASE.
3 THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO SHOW THAT THE DISCIPLINE WAS APPROPRIATE
4 BASED ON WHAT THEY PROVED.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, AND THAT'S WHAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT THE
7 CIVIL SERVICE PROCESS. I TAKE IT THAT THAT'S WHAT YOU DO? I
8 MEAN, YOU'RE GIVEN A JOB AND THAT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. WE
9 ARE ALWAYS LED TO BELIEVE THAT YOU MAKE BAD DECISIONS BECAUSE
10 YOU DON'T TAKE THE TIME TO REVIEW THESE THINGS AND THAT YOU
11 LISTEN TO A BUNCH OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS THAT ARE ILL
12 PREPARED TO HEAR THESE CASES, AND IT SORT OF SAYS THAT HERE.
13 IT SAYS, "NOTWITHSTANDING THESE FINDINGS, THE COMMISSION
14 ADOPTED THE HEARING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO RESCIND THE
15 IMPOSITION. THE DECISION WAS MADE AFTER COUNTY ARGUED THAT THE
16 30-DAY SUSPENSION WAS INSUFFICIENT, GIVEN THE CHRONIC
17 MANAGERIAL MISCONDUCT OF MS. LATHAM OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF
18 TIME." THEY DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE FACT THAT, OF THE 12,
19 OF THE THREE, OF THE SEVEN ALLEGATIONS, ONLY TWO WERE PROVEN
20 AND IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THAT, YOU KNOW, SHE MISINFORMED
21 SOMEBODY ABOUT HER TIMECARD THAT THEY PROVED. AND SO THE ISSUE
22 IS THAT WE NEVER GET ALL OF THE FACTS BUT IT'S ALWAYS CLEAR
23 THAT IT'S THE COMMISSION WHO IS DOING THESE THINGS AND I THINK
24 THAT THAT IS ONE OF THE TROUBLING ASPECTS OF IT AND I KNOW
25 THAT DON AND OTHERS HAVE TALKED ABOUT INTRODUCING LEGISLATION



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1 TO CHANGE-- TO LOOK AT HOW THIS WORKS. BUT, EVERY TIME I'VE
2 LOOKED AT IT, IN ALL THE CASES I'VE EVER LOOKED AT, IT IS OUR
3 DEPARTMENT WHO DOESN'T PURSUE AS AGGRESSIVELY SOME OF THESE
4 CASES AND THEN DOESN'T HAVE THE BACKUP FOR THEM. YOU CAN
5 ALLEGE ALL YOU WANT BUT, IN ANY KIND OF SETTING OR REVIEW,
6 THAT HAS TO BE PROVEN. JUST BECAUSE A MANAGER SAYS BUT CAN'T
7 BACK IT UP, I MEAN, A HEARING OFFICER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
8 MAKING A DECISION THAT THEY HAVE TO DISMISS THAT ALLEGATION.
9 AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON HERE AND WE ARE NOT TOLD
10 THOSE FACTS. THIS IS VERY, VERY TROUBLING. AND, YOU KNOW, I
11 THINK, MR. FORTNER, YOU HAD ASKED FOR ONE WEEK'S CONTINUANCE.
12 I'D LIKE TO GIVE YOU THAT BECAUSE I THINK YOU OWE US A DUTY TO
13 GET A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS IN CLOSED
14 SESSION USUALLY IS WE JUST BUY EVERYTHING YOU SAY AND WE GO
15 FOR THE APPEAL. I WANT TO APPEAL THIS BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO SEE
16 US NOT PAY \$190,000 FOR AN INCOMPETENT NURSE BUT, AT THE SAME
17 TIME, IF WE CAN'T PROVE THAT SHE WAS INCOMPETENT, THEN MAYBE
18 WE HAVE A DIFFERENT RESPONSIBILITY. SO I SUGGEST THAT WE
19 CONTINUE THIS ITEM AND I THINK WE NEED CLEARER DIRECTION AND
20 MORE EFFECTIVE DIRECTION AS TO HOW TO GET THESE ISSUES
21 RESOLVED. AND I THINK WE NEED A CLARIFICATION AS TO HOW ALL OF
22 OUR COMMISSIONS ARE SUPPOSED TO -- I MEAN, THEY LOOK TO THE
23 COUNTY COUNSEL TO GIVE THEM ADVICE. THIS ISN'T THE ONLY
24 COMMISSION, THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THERE ARE OTHER
25 COMMISSIONS THAT ARE DOING THAT AND WE SHOULD REALLY WORK AT



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1 MAKING SURE THAT IT IS AS CONSISTENT AS POSSIBLE. YOU KNOW,
2 THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME AND NOT THE ONLY DEPARTMENT, THE
3 O.I.R. DEPARTMENT HAD A SIMILAR SITUATION WHICH INVOLVED OUR
4 INTERVENTION TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LAWYER THAT WAS THERE
5 WASN'T MISINFORMING THEM AND, IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, I
6 CALLED YOU ABOUT THAT TO GET YOURSELF INVOLVED. AND SO WE NEED
7 TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW THIS WORKS BECAUSE, VERY
8 FRANKLY, RIGHT NOW, IT MAKES...

9

10 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, IN THAT INSTANCE,
11 I DISAGREED WITH THE ADVICE THAT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE
12 COMMISSION AND NOW IT HAS BEEN RULED THAT THE O.I.R. CAN
13 ATTEND, SO...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND.

16

17 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IT IS NOT A MATTER OF SUGGESTING FOR
18 A MINUTE THAT ANY ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, CIVIL SERVICE OR
19 OTHERWISE ARE NOT ACTING IN GOOD FAITH...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT THE POINT I'M MAKING. THAT'S NOT THE
22 POINT I'M MAKING. THE POINT I AM MAKING...

23

24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF PROCESS.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...IS-- THE POINT THAT I AM TRYING TO MAKE IS
2 THAT MOST OF US WHO ARE NOT LAWYERS ARE SUPPOSED TO RELY ON
3 THE ADVICE OF OUR LAWYERS. AGAIN, YOU KNOW, MANY PEOPLE ARE IN
4 JAIL TODAY THAT RELIED ON THE ADVICE OF THEIR LAWYERS. THE
5 ISSUE IS, IS THAT I HAVE A DUTY TO LISTEN TO YOU AND YOU HAVE
6 A DUTY TO ME AS WELL. BUT THE ISSUE IS THAT IT IS YOUR
7 RESPONSIBILITY, AS THE HEAD OF ALL COUNTY COUNSEL, TO MAKE
8 SURE THAT THERE IS A CHECKING AND A DOUBLE-CHECKING OF THE
9 ADVICE THAT OUR LAWYERS ARE GIVING AND, IN SOME INSTANCES, AS
10 YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE AS WELL, IS IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES, SOME OF
11 THE MOST DELICATE ISSUES POSSIBLE, AND WE HAVE TO RELY ON THAT
12 ADVICE. AND SO I REALLY DO THINK YOU SHOULD CONTINUE THIS
13 ITEM. I DON'T THINK IT IS PREPARED FOR PRIME TIME AND I KNOW I
14 WANT TO GET MORE INFORMATION ON IT BECAUSE I AM TROUBLED. I
15 WANT THE HEARING OFFICER REPORTS, I THINK I'M ENTITLED TO GET
16 THEM. I WANT TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE DEPARTMENT PROVED AND DID
17 NOT PROVE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION? DO YOU
20 TAPE YOUR-- WAS THIS IN CLOSED SESSION OF THE...

21

22 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** NO, THIS WAS NOT IN CLOSED SESSION,
23 SUPERVISOR.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU TAPE YOUR MEETINGS?



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2 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WE DO. YOU'RE WELCOME TO RECEIVE ALL OF THE
3 DOCUMENTS...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN YOU PROVIDE WITH US A
6 TRANSCRIPT OF ALL THE MEETINGS INVOLVED IN-- THAT YOUR
7 COMMISSION HELD ON THIS MATTER?

8

9 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WE CERTAINLY...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, I'D LIKE TO SEE A COPY. I'M
12 SURE OTHER MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE A COPY.

13

14 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WELL, WE DON'T HAVE TRANSCRIPTS OF OUR
15 HEARINGS-- OF OUR MEETINGS. WE HAVE AUDIOTAPES.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE TAPES SO YOU CAN GET A
18 TRANSCRIPTION SERVICE AND-- SACHI WILL TAKE CARE OF GETTING
19 THAT DONE.

20

21 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** SHE'S THE BOSS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SECONDLY, WHEN THE COUNTY COUNSEL
24 GAVE YOU ADVICE, WAS IT VERBAL AS WELL AS ORAL-- AS WELL AS
25 WRITTEN OR WAS IT JUST WRITTEN?



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2 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** I JUST HANDED IT TO...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MY QUESTION WAS, WAS IT VERBAL AS
5 WELL AS WRITTEN OR JUST WRITTEN?

6

7 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** IT WAS A 3-PAGE DOCUMENT THAT WE WERE ALLOWED
8 TO READ...

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MY QUESTION, AGAIN, MR. KOWAJIAN,
11 WAS IT VERBAL AS WELL AS-- I KNOW IT'S WRITTEN. I KNOW THAT.
12 WAS THERE ALSO VERBAL ADVICE GIVEN?

13

14 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WE WERE ABLE TO DISCUSS IT ONCE WE READ IT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHEN DID YOU DISCUSS IT? AT THE
17 COMMISSION MEETING?

18

19 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WE HAVE OUR OWN EXECUTIVE SESSION AHEAD OF OUR
20 PUBLIC SESSION.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WAS THE EXECUTIVE SESSION TAPED?

23

24 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** NO.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE MINUTES TAKEN OF THE
2 EXECUTIVE SESSION?

3

4 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** NO.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THERE'S NO RECORD OF WHAT THE
7 ATTORNEY MAY HAVE TOLD YOU IN EXECUTIVE SESSION?

8

9 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** THAT'S CORRECT BUT I BELIEVE THE DOCUMENT,
10 WHEN YOU SEE IT, SPEAKS FOR ITSELF AND IS VERY-- THERE IS NO
11 AMBIGUITY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHEN DID YOU KNOW THAT THE
14 EMPLOYEE IN QUESTION HAD RESIGNED? YOU TOLD ME THAT EARLIER
15 AND I FORGOT.

16

17 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WE BECAME AWARE IN FEBRUARY.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FEBRUARY OF WHAT YEAR? '06?

20

21 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** 2007.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OF '07. AND WHEN DID YOU ACT ON
24 HER CASE?

25



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1 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** OUR FINAL DECISION WAS ON APRIL 4TH.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHEN YOU ACTED ON APRIL 4TH,
4 YOU KNEW THAT SHE HAD RESIGNED, IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND DID THE COUNTY COUNSEL, WHEN--
9 THE ATTORNEY ADVISING YOUR COMMISSION, DID THEY ADVISE YOU
10 THAT YOU HAD ONLY ONE CHOICE, THAT YOU HAD TO DO IT THIS WAY?
11 DID THEY ADVISE YOU AT ALL? DID THEY INDICATE TO YOU THAT YOU
12 HAD TO ASSUME JURISDICTION OR RETAIN JURISDICTION OF THE CASE?

13

14 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** YES.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THEY NEVER TOLD YOU THAT IT WAS--
17 THAT IT WAS A GRAY AREA?

18

19 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** IN THE VIEW OF THIS COUNTY COUNSEL WHO HAS
20 ADVISED US AND HAS DONE A SUPERB JOB...

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HE NEVER TOLD YOU THAT IT WAS A
23 GRAY AREA?

24



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1 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** NO. IN HIS VIEW, THERE WAS NO GRAY AREA, THAT
2 THERE WAS THE ORIGINAL ZUNIGA DECISION RELATED TO AN EMPLOYEE
3 WHO WAS...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU AN ATTORNEY?

6

7 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** NO BUT I'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND ATTORNEYS ALL
8 MY LIFE.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY ATTORNEYS ON THE
11 COMMISSION?

12

13 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** NO AND THAT'S WHY WE RELY ON COUNTY COUNSEL,
14 TO...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE ATTORNEY ON
17 THIS BOARD AND WE RELY ON HIM, TOO, BUT OCCASIONALLY, AS WE
18 ARE DOING NOW, WE RECKLESSLY DISREGARD HIS ADVICE AND HOLD
19 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS IN PUBLIC, AS WE'RE DOING TODAY. IT'S VERY
20 INTERESTING AND IT IS ACTUALLY-- IT IS VERY INTERESTING BUT...

21

22 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WE SOMETIMES DO THAT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT YOU HAVE A MIND OF YOUR OWN,
25 DON'T YOU?



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2 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WE DO BUT WHERE YOU HAVE THE ZUNIGA CASE
3 DECIDED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE AND IT'S A VERY
4 COMPLICATED ISSUE AND YOU'RE NOT AN ATTORNEY, YOU ARE GOING TO
5 RELY ON THE ATTORNEY. WE ARE THERE ONE DAY A WEEK. WE GET 150
6 BUCKS A WEEK TO DO THIS.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHAT IS YOUR CONCERN? WHY DID
9 YOU COME HERE TODAY? BECAUSE?

10

11 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** MY CONCERN IS THAT YOU WERE NOT TOLD THAT WE
12 ACTED UPON THE ADVICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL WHEN WE MADE THIS
13 DECISION.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

16

17 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** BUT I THINK THAT DISCLOSURE WAS CRITICAL SO
18 THAT YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION, EVEN
19 WITHIN THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE, AS TO HOW TO INTERPRET
20 ZUNIGA.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW IT'S AWKWARD BUT I HAVE
23 LIVED FOR 32 YEARS IN PUBLIC OFFICE, IN THE CITY OF L.A. AND
24 HERE, WHERE DIFFERENT ATTORNEYS IN THE SAME LEGAL
25 ORGANIZATION, IN THE CASE OF THE CITY, IT'S THE CITY



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1 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, IN THE CASE OF THE STATE, IT'S THE ATTORNEY
2 GENERAL'S OFFICE, IN THE CASE OF THE COUNTY, IT'S THE COUNTY
3 COUNSEL'S OFFICE, WHERE YOU OFTEN FIND DIFFERENT ATTORNEYS
4 REPRESENTING DIFFERENT AGENCIES. I GOT TO SAY, I CAN'T RECALL
5 A SITUATION QUITE LIKE THIS AS-- WELL, I MAY REMEMBER BUT I'M
6 GETTING TO THE POINT WHERE I CAN'T REMEMBER VERY MUCH. WHICH
7 THE ATTORNEYS SAY IS VERY HELPFUL. BUT THIS IS NOT AN UNUSUAL
8 SITUATION WHERE YOU HAVE TWO ATTORNEYS FROM THE SAME
9 ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING TWO DIFFERENT AGENCIES.
10 NEVERTHELESS...

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I DON'T THINK IT'S UNUSUAL BUT THE POINT
13 HERE IS THAT WE WERE NOT INFORMED THAT THEY WERE BASING THE
14 DECISION...

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S USUALLY RESOLVED WITHIN THE OFFICE. THAT'S
17 WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS, IS THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, IT SHOULD BE.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:**BELIEVES THAT THIS COUNTY COUNSEL, WHO WAS A
22 DEPUTY, DID NOT GIVE THE CORRECT OPINION. THAT'S USUALLY
23 RESOLVED PRIOR TO IT GETTING THIS FAR.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME
2 THAT THE BOARD HAS BEEN ASKED TO GO TO COURT TO REVERSE A
3 DECISION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND I WOULD IMAGINE,
4 SINCE THERE ISN'T A LAWYER AND WE'VE DONE IT IN RECENT YEARS,
5 I WOULD IMAGINE THAT, SINCE THERE IS NO LAWYER ON THE CIVIL
6 SERVICE COMMISSION, THAT PROBABLY MOST IF NOT ALL OF YOUR
7 DECISIONS IN THIS REGARD ARE DONE WITH COUNSEL'S ADVICE AND SO
8 THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME YOU TOOK THE COUNSEL'S ADVICE, IS
9 IT?

10

11 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** NO, NO BUT THERE ARE VERY FEW ISSUES THAT COME
12 BEFORE THE COMMISSION THAT ARE THIS COMPLEX AND RELATE TO A
13 RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION THAT IS STILL BEING INTERPRETED
14 BY VARIOUS LEVELS OF...

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BUT YOU WOULD TAKE THE COUNSEL'S
17 ADVICE EVEN IF IT WAS LESS COMPLICATED, WOULDN'T YOU? WHEN WAS
18 THE LAST TIME YOU DISREGARDED COUNSEL'S ADVICE?

19

20 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** COUNSEL'S ADVICE IS SOUGHT WHEN IT'S A LEGAL,
21 TECHNICAL ISSUE AND WE GENERALLY ADHERE TO THAT ADVICE.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IS THE COUNSEL IN ALL OF YOUR
24 MEETINGS?

25



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1 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** YES.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** BOTH THE PUBLIC PORTION AND THE
4 CLOSED SESSION PORTION?

5

6 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** YES.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN YOU RECALL A TIME WHEN YOU
9 ACTED AT VARIANCE WITH THE COUNSEL'S ADVICE?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER, ZEV.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I'M NOT SHOOTING ANYBODY BUT
14 IT'S FAIR GAME IF YOU'RE GOING TO COME IN HERE AND DO THIS,
15 IT'S FAIR GAME FOR ME TO ASK YOU SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'S THE ONE THAT MENTIONED THE DOCUMENT...

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE, IT'S FAIR GAME FOR ME TO ASK
20 HIM THESE QUESTIONS. I-- YOU KNOW, I JUST...

21

22 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** OFFHAND, I CANNOT RECALL AN INSTANCE WHERE WE
23 HAVE, ON A TECHNICAL ISSUE, NOT ADHERED TO COUNTY COUNSEL.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ON THE
2 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION?

3

4 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** NINE YEARS LAST MONTH.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO YOU ARE AWARE THAT, DURING
7 THOSE NINE YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS WHERE
8 THIS BOARD HAS ACTUALLY CHALLENGED IN COURT, GONE TO COURT AND
9 AUTHORIZED A CHALLENGE...

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S A TRICK QUESTION, BY THE WAY. IT'S A TRICK
12 QUESTION.

13

14 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** IT'S A TRICK QUESTION?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY. YOU KNOW WHY IT'S A TRICK QUESTION?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** CAN I FINISH MY QUESTION?

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW IT'S A TRICK QUESTION.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'M GLAD I'M GETTING AN ANNOTATED
23 SPEECH HERE. I'M ENTITLED TO ASK HIM MY QUESTIONS WITHOUT
24 BEING INTERRUPTED.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, I'M JUST ADVISING HIM, EVEN THOUGH I'M
2 NOT A LAWYER, IT'S A TRICK QUESTION.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ARE AWARE THAT, OVER THE NINE
5 YEARS THAT YOU'VE BEEN THERE, THAT WE HAVE CHALLENGED -- WE
6 HAVE GONE TO COURT TO OVERTURN DECISIONS THAT YOUR COMMISSION
7 HAS MADE, CORRECT?

8

9 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** I AM AWARE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IN ALL OF THOSE CASES WHERE WE
12 HAVE DONE THAT, IN A NUMBER OF CASES, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY
13 THERE ARE, DID YOU ACT ON COUNSEL'S ADVICE?

14

15 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WELL, VERY FEW OF THE CASES THAT WE DEAL WITH
16 RELATE TO A PURELY TECHNICAL ISSUE OF THE LAW.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S NOT MY QUESTION. MY
19 QUESTION IS...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S A TRICK.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ...CAN YOU RECALL ANY TIME ON THE
24 CASES THAT WE WENT TO COURT TO REVERSE YOU ON WHERE YOU ACTED



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1 ON COUNSEL'S ADVICE OR DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU NEVER ACTED ON
2 COUNSEL'S ADVICE ON ANY OF THOSE CASES?

3

4 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** I'VE ALREADY ANSWERED THE QUESTION. WE
5 TYPICALLY...

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE.

8

9 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WE-- GENERALLY, WE, FOR THE MOST PART, AND I
10 CANNOT RECALL ANY INSTANCE WHERE WE DIDN'T ON A PURELY
11 TECHNICAL LEGAL ISSUE, I CANNOT RECALL...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IS THE ANSWER "YES" TO MY
14 QUESTION?

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO, THAT WAS HIS ANSWER.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY TIMES-- ASK HIM HOW MANY TIMES NAME
19 WAS IN AN OPINION SENT TO US FOR RECOMMENDATION...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON A SECOND. HANG ON A
22 SECOND. ALL I'M TRYING TO FIND OUT IS -- WHAT I'M REALLY
23 TRYING TO FIND OUT IS, YOU KNOW, I'M AMAZED. EVEN IF I'M THE
24 ONLY MEMBER OF THE BOARD THAT WANTS TO GET AT THIS FROM THIS
25 ANGLE, I'M ENTITLED TO ASK MY QUESTIONS. AND HE DOESN'T NEED



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1 TO BE COACHED AND HE DOESN'T NEED TO BE WARNED THAT I'M
2 TRICKING HIM BECAUSE I'M NOT TRICKING HIM. BECAUSE THEY ARE
3 VERY SIMPLE QUESTIONS. AND THE SIMPLE QUESTION IS, I'LL GET
4 RIGHT TO THE HEART OF THE QUESTION, IS IS THIS THE FIRST TIME
5 THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT WE HAVE BEEN NOT BEEN INFORMED THAT
6 THE COUNSEL GAVE YOU ADVICE THAT WE WERE NOT INFORMED ABOUT?
7 IS THIS THE FIRST TIME THAT'S EVER HAPPENED IN NINE YEARS?

8

9 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE BECOME AWARE OF
10 A MEMO TO YOU THAT DOES NOT TELL YOU THE FULL PICTURE THAT YOU
11 NEEDED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TOOK YOUR...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** AND THAT FULL PICTURE IS THAT WE
14 WERE NOT INFORMED THAT THE COUNSEL HAD GIVEN YOU THE ADVICE.

15

16 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** EXACTLY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ARE YOU AWARE-- ARE YOU SAYING
19 THAT THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANOTHER CASE IN YOUR NINE YEARS AS A
20 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER WHERE THE COUNSEL HAS GIVEN YOU
21 ADVICE THAT WE WERE NOT AWARE OF?

22

23 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** I CAN ONLY SPEAK TO THIS CASE WHEN I BECAME
24 AWARE. I CAN ONLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT THAT WHICH I KNOW. I
25 CAN'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT THINGS THAT I'M NOT AWARE OF.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, MY BET IS THAT THERE HAVE
3 BEEN JUST ABOUT EVERY CASE, MY BET, AND I'D BET A LOT OF MONEY
4 ON THIS, THAT, EVERY TIME WE'VE GONE TO CHALLENGE THE CIVIL
5 SERVICE COMMISSION OR GONE TO COURT TO REVERSE THAT CIVIL
6 SERVICE COMMISSION, THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION PROBABLY
7 TOOK LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE COUNTY COUNSEL ON THIS AND WE WERE
8 NOT AWARE OF IT AND ALL OF A SUDDEN IT'S A BIG CASE, IT'S A
9 BIG DEAL.

10

11 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND ONE
12 THING. VERY FEW OF THE CASES RELATE TO SPECIFIC LEGAL
13 TECHNICAL ISSUES. MOST OF THEM ARE JUDGMENT CALLS BASED ON
14 WHAT THE DEPARTMENT ALLEGED, WHAT THEY WERE ABLE TO PROVE AND
15 WHETHER THE DISCIPLINE WAS APPROPRIATE BASED ON THE
16 GUIDELINES.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** EVERY CASE IN THE CIVIL SERVICE
19 COMMISSION IS A LEGAL ISSUE.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I JUST SAY ONE THING? MOST OF
22 THE TIME THAT I HAVE SEEN CASES INVOLVING THE COMMISSION, IT'S
23 BEEN A MATTER -- A HEARING OFFICER HAS A HEARING, THERE'S
24 CERTAIN FACTS THAT ARE DETERMINED AND THEN THOSE FACTS ARE
25 ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION BECAUSE THE LAW IS PRETTY SET IN



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1 TERMS OF WAS THERE A SCULLY OR WAS THERE THIS, THIS AND THIS.
2 SO MOST OF THE TIME IT'S NOT A VERY COMPLEX LEGAL ISSUE. THEY
3 ARE FACTUAL. WE WILL DISAGREE WITH WHAT IS DETERMINED BY THE
4 COMMISSION, THE FACTS THAT THEY ACCEPTED, AND WE MAY APPEAL IT
5 AND THE DEPARTMENT MAY COME IN AND SAY, "WE WANT YOU TO APPEAL
6 IT BECAUSE THESE FACTS ARE SUCH THAT THIS ACTION SHOULD NOT
7 HAVE FOLLOWED FROM THAT." BUT WHAT WE HAVE HERE, APPARENTLY,
8 IS ONE EVERYBODY AGREES ON THE FACTS. WE AGREE ON THE FACTS AS
9 THEY HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO THE COMMISSION BUT APPARENTLY
10 THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE ADVICE THAT WAS GIVEN BY
11 THE COUNTY COUNSEL AS TO WHAT SHOULD FOLLOW AS A RESULT OF
12 THOSE FACTS AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE BEFORE US. NOW, I FIND IT
13 STRANGE THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL DID NOT KNOW THAT AN OPINION
14 HAD BEEN GIVEN THAT WAS CONTRARY TO WHAT WAS THEIR BELIEF THAT
15 SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN. NOW, THAT, I THINK, IS SOMETHING
16 THAT'S UNUSUAL BUT HE SAYS IT NEVER CAME TO HIM AND HE DIDN'T
17 KNOW ABOUT IT. WHEN HE FOUND OUT, THEY HAD GONE ON AN APPEAL.
18 DID YOU THINK YOU WERE APPEALING ON THE FACTS?

19

20 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** SUPERVISOR BURKE, WE'RE APPEALING ON
21 THE FACTS. THAT'S THE PRINCIPAL ALLEGATION, AND THERE ALSO IS
22 A LAW OF THE APPLICABILITY OF ZUNIGA AND A COURT NEEDS TO
23 DETERMINE ON THAT.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU DISAGREE ON THE LAW OR DO YOU?



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2 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE MAY
3 BE A GRAY AREA THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH SOME LAW AND
4 THIS IS A GOOD CASE TO DO IT IN AND I BELIEVE THAT THE
5 COMMISSION ITSELF RECOGNIZED THAT IT WOULD TAKE A COURT TO
6 MAKE A DETERMINATION WHETHER OR NOT THE COMMISSION LOSES
7 JURISDICTION WHEN AN EMPLOYEE RETIRES IN THE MIDDLE OF A
8 HEARING.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN THE PERSON RESIGNS.

11

12 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** WHAT'S THAT OLD JOKE ABOUT YOU PUT TWO LAWYERS
13 IN THE ROOM AND YOU GET THREE OPINIONS. THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE
14 GOING TO GET.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT, YOU KNOW, I THINK, AGAIN, THE TRICK WAS
17 THIS. I MEAN, I KNOW THAT IT'S CLEVER AND, EVEN THOUGH MR.
18 YAROSLAVSKY IS NOT A LAWYER, HE'S SOMETIMES VERY GOOD WITH HIS
19 INQUIRY AND HOW HE DOES IT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SOMETIMES?

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST SOMETIMES. THAT'S ALL THE CREDIT YOU GET
24 TODAY. ALL RIGHT. THAT'S ALL YOU GET TODAY. BUT THE TRICK WAS
25 IS THAT WE HAVE APPEALED DECISIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE



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1 COMMISSION BASED ON FACTS. THAT IS THAT, WHATEVER THE
2 ALLEGATIONS WERE WERE SUBSTANTIALLY PROVEN BUT THE COMMISSION
3 DETERMINED THEM TO BE, YOU KNOW, NOT CORRECT AND WE GET THAT A
4 LOT AND THAT'S WHY WE DON'T WIN THAT OFTEN ON SOME OF THEM.
5 WE'VE WON A COUPLE BUT WE DON'T WIN THAT OFTEN. AND SO YOU GO
6 FORWARD ON SOME OF THESE FACTS. I DON'T THINK THAT WE'VE EVER
7 GOTTEN ONE, AT LEAST WHILE I'VE BEEN HERE, THAT THE COMMISSION
8 HAS RELIED ON AN OPINION FROM THEIR COUNTY COUNSEL AND WE ARE
9 NOW APPEALING IT OR, AS YOU SAID, APPEALING IT LIKE THE
10 SUPREME COURT IS AT THE APPEALS COURT BASED ON THE VERY ADVICE
11 THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL GAVE THEM, WHICH IS THE SAME COUNTY
12 COUNSEL. SO THAT IS THE TRICK. THAT IS THE TRICK QUESTION THAT
13 WAS GOING ON THERE AND THAT IS THE ISSUE, MR. FORTNER, AND I
14 GOT TO TELL YOU, I'M NOT A LAWYER BUT IT REALLY IS VERY
15 UNUSUAL. AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO SPEND TAXPAYER FUNDS TO GO
16 AFTER THIS WHEN, IN FACT, WE DON'T HAVE OUR DUCKS IN ORDER. I
17 DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A CASE TO THE JUDGE. I
18 REALLY DON'T. AND I KNOW THAT WHAT YOU EXPECT IS ALL OF US TO
19 BE ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES AND I
20 APPRECIATE THAT MR. KAWAJIN CAME BECAUSE USUALLY IN CLOSED
21 SESSION, THEY JUST THROW THE BOOK AT YOU AND IT IS OUR
22 RESPONSIBILITY TO BACK UP THE DEPARTMENT AND, IN THIS
23 INSTANCE, I KNOW I WANT TO. I WANT TO BACK UP THE DEPARTMENT
24 BECAUSE I DON'T WANT NURSES THERE IN WHICH THEY'RE JUST NOT
25 FUNCTIONAL.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND, AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOU KNOW, WE'RE
5 HAVING TO PUT THEM BACK ON THE JOB WHEN THEY DON'T DESERVE TO
6 BE THERE. SO THERE IS A LOT WRONG WITH THIS SITUATION AND ALL
7 WE ARE SAYING IS THAT, IF YOU BRIEF THE DOCUMENT THAT COUNTY
8 COUNSEL HAS PREPARED, 90% OF WHAT HAPPENED IS NOT IN OUR
9 SUMMARY AND WOULD NOT HAVE COME OUT, UNFORTUNATELY, HAD MR.
10 KAHWAJIAN NOT COME TO DISCUSS THIS ITEM WITH US.

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12 **GREG KAHWAJIAN:** IF I MAY, EACH SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE, HAS
13 APPOINTED SOMEONE TO THIS COMMISSION IN WHOSE JUDGMENT THEY
14 HAVE CONFIDENCE AND COMMISSIONERS DON'T OPERATE BASED ON THEIR
15 OWN AGENDAS. THEY DON'T APPROACH IT AS THEY'RE THE SAFETY NET
16 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OR THEY'RE THE ADVOCATES FOR THE APPELLANT.
17 THEY ARE CHARGED WITH LOOKING AT WHETHER CIVIL SERVICE RULES
18 WERE FOLLOWED AND WHETHER THE ALLEGATIONS ARE SUSTAINED AND IF
19 THE DISCIPLINE IS APPROPRIATE. THAT'S WHAT YOU APPOINTED US TO
20 DO. EACH OF US DOES OUR UTMOST TO READ EVERYTHING THAT COMES
21 TO US AND WE SPEND A GREAT DEAL OF TIME, A LOT MORE THAN THE
22 \$150 A WEEK THAT ANYONE WOULD EXPECT WOULD BUY YOU BUT WE DO
23 IT BECAUSE IT'S A PUBLIC SERVICE AND IT IS NOT RELATED TO ANY
24 OTHER AGENDA BUT DOING THE RIGHT THING BASED ON WHAT OUR
25 CHARGE IS FOLLOWING THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** APPRECIATE IT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M JUST HOPING, IN THE FUTURE, IF, WHEN WE
5 GET THESE MEMOS, THAT, IF THE DECISION WAS BASED UPON A
6 PREVIOUS COUNTY COUNSEL DECISION, THAT IS WHY WE WILL BE
7 APPEALING IT BECAUSE THAT WAS AN ERROR INSTEAD OF LABELING THE
8 COMMISSION AS THE ONE-- OR A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION
9 BASICALLY BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR IT.

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11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** I HEAR THAT MESSAGE AND MY STAFF, I'M
12 SURE, A GREAT MEMBER MEMBERS HAVE HEARD IT AND I WILL ENSURE,
13 BEFORE I SIGN ANY MEMO, THAT IT DOES NOT REFER TO ANY MEMBER
14 OF THE COMMISSION.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MR. JANSSEN, DO YOU WANT TO WEIGH
17 IN ON THIS AGAIN OR...?

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I HAVE AN OPINION BUT...

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HAVE AN OPINION? IT'S NOT
22 WORTH MUCH. NOT WORTH MUCH AT THIS HOUR. ALL RIGHT.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ARE WE CONTINUING THE MATTER ONE WEEK?

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S IN CLOSED SESSION.

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3 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES. I'D LIKE TO CONTINUE BECAUSE I'M GOING TO
4 CALL MY COMMISSIONER AND FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED, NOT THAT I
5 DON'T TRUST MR. KAWAJIN BUT IF THEY RELIED ON INFORMATION FROM
6 THE COUNTY COUNSEL, I DON'T THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO
7 BE FILING... (OFF-MIKE).

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO EXERCISE YOUR
10 INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL, BUT THAT'S THE ISSUE. INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT
13 DOES NOT COME FROM, YOU KNOW, I JUST DECIDED YESTERDAY OR I'M
14 GOING TO DECIDE THIS MOMENT. IT'S BASED ON A SERIES OF FACTS
15 AND I FIND...

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL CONTINUE THIS FOR
18 ONE WEEK.

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20 **SUP. MOLINA:** ...I FIND THAT THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT HAVE ALL
21 THE FACTS.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** WE STILL HAVE TIME, RIGHT? THE 90 DAYS HASN'T
24 EXPIRED, RIGHT, WE STILL HAVE TIME? NEXT TUESDAY. OKAY.

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1 **SPEAKER:** (OFF-MIKE).

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. SO ONE WEEK
4 CONTINUANCE. PLENTY OF TIME. WELL, ACTUALLY, NEXT WEEK IS--
5 NEXT WEEK IS THE 3RD. ALL RIGHT. SO LET'S GO INTO CLOSED
6 SESSION NOW?

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
9 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
10 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NUMBER C.S.-1,
11 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE
12 TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE; ITEM NUMBER C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH
13 LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING INITIATION OF LITIGATION, ONE CASE;
14 AND ITEM C.S.-6, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE
15 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN
16 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, MICHAEL J. HENRY, DIRECTOR
17 OF PERSONNEL, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THE NEXT
18 REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD WILL BE TUESDAY, JULY 3RD AT 9:30
19 A.M. THANK YOU.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007**

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6 There was no reportable action taken on items CS-1 and CS-3.

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8 In open session the Board continued items CS-2 and CS-4 one
9 week to Tuesday, July 3, 2007.

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